

# More rebates next week

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he Department of Finance expects to issue the second batch of tax rebates next week, amounting to about \$2 million.

Finance Secretary David Atalig told Saipan Tribune yesterday that his office is expecting to roll out the next batch of tax rebates for fiscal year 2018 next week.

"We distributed about \$7.48 million in [tax rebates] last Friday and about \$850,000 in child tax rebate," he said in a statement. "We will be processing the next batch of about \$2 million, which will be released within the next week and the fourth batch of child tax rebate."

Atalig did not mention how much of the child tax rebate has already been distributed.

He mentioned in a previous statement that the rebates

total nearly \$21 million, \$11 million of which is for the fed-

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# 3-year-old drowns in San Roque

By MARC A. VENUS

A 3-year-old child drowned last Monday after falling into a plywood-covered septic tank.

According to a Department of Public Safety statement, police received a 911 call at about 4:49pm last Monday about a boy being found unresponsive at a San Roque home. Once officers arrived to the scene at about 4:52pm, they immediately

citation until paramedics arrived at the scene. Medics then took over the CPR process while rushing the child to the Commonwealth Health Center.

cardio-pulmonary

Dr. Edvalson Tanuja pronounced the 3-year-old boy dead at 5:19pm, with the cause of death attributed to drowning.

DPS reports that the police's preliminary investigation revealed that the victim had been playing outside tried to revive the child via See DROWNS on Page 4

# ommittee action on HR 560 tomorrow

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) expects to see action at the committee level on his bill that proposes to grant permanent resident status to foreign workers



who have been in the CNMI for a long time.

> "Action is scheduled in the House Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday for H.R. 560, my bill providing permanent status in the Marianas for and investors," said

Sablan yesterday.

Since Washington, D.C. is delayed by one day compared to CNMI time, that means the committee will take up the bill on Thursday in the CNMI.

About 2,875 workers and 56 investors are eligible for the special status provided in H.R. 560, according to the Governlong-term workers ment Accountability Office

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# IN COMMEMORATION OF CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION DAY

# JRM chief Menoni speaks at naturalization ceremony



Twenty new U.S. citizens exhibit their certificates of citizenship in a group photo with U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy, and Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Adm. John V. Menoni outside the American Memorial Park's Visitor's Center Theater in Garapan after a naturalization ceremony yesterday. The ceremony was held in commemoration of the U.S. Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Adm. John V. Menoni was guest speaker at yesterday's naturalization ceremony at the American Memorial Park's Visitor's Center Theater in Garapan in commemoration of U.S. Citizenship Day and Constitution Day.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona presided over the naturalization ceremony for 19 Filipinos and one Korean.

Citizenship Day and Constitution Day are observed in the United States each year on Sept. 17 to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787.

In his remarks, Menoni recalled being at a similar natu» IT&E general manager Soledad, 19 others take oath as newest U.S. citizens

ralization ceremony in Chicago 40 years ago, when her mother spoke the same words as the 20 who became U.S.

citizens. Menoni was only 10 years old at the time. His mother grew up in Belize, which is in Central America. Menoni's father was in the U.S. Peace Corps and was helping build a school in Belize, where he met Menoni's mother, who is a teacher. Two years later, the two got married.

He said his mother, who was also naturalized like the 20 new citizens, wanted to

become part of a country that defines itself by the guarantee of individual rights, the opportunity for its children to be whatever they want, regardless of religion, race, creed, color, gender—"a country that judges you by your actions rather than your name or who your parents are. A country that truly is the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Menoni advised the new

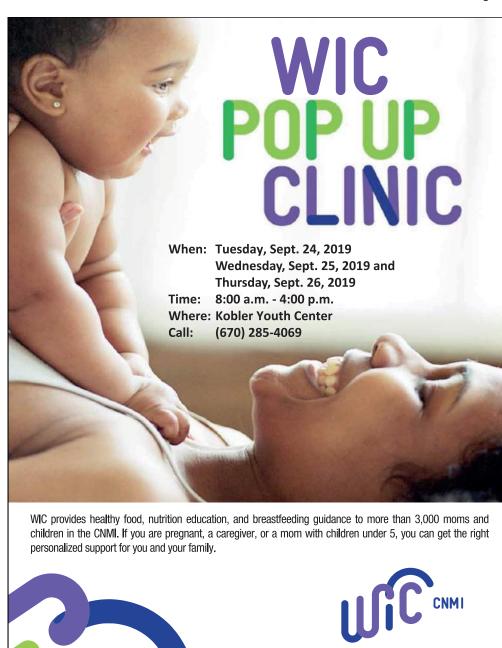
citizens to never be afraid to stand up for what they know and believe is right.

"But, at the end of the day, always remember that we are all citizens of this great nation and of the world," said Menoni.

One of the new citizens, Roselily A. Soledad, said her new citizenship now allows her to participate in the dem-

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# Mobil unveils new look, improved Synergy fuels

By BEA CABRERA beacabrerasaipan@gmail.com

Mobil unveiled yesterday the new look of its 11 gas stations on Saipan to coincide with the launch of their improved fuel formulations. The launch was held at the Mobil gas station on Middle Road.

Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. president Jimmy Hau said the improved gasoline formulas are called Synergy Extra and Synergy Supreme Plus.

"Our scientists have developed this improved formulation featuring the latest in global fuel technology," he said.

Hau assured that the Mobil's Synergy range of gasoline is backed by extensive technology and designed "to ensure that customers get the best performance and driving experience."

Extra is Mobil's regular grade gasoline. Supreme Plus is its premium grade gasoline and contains the highest octane rating product on the island.

"For both of these grades we made further improvements," Hau said. "These new fuels have increased additives that helps boost fuel economy, clean engines and improves the performance and responsiveness of your drive."

Mobil also introduced a new look for all Mobil stations on island, maximizing the use of Mobil's trademark colors blue and red.

were enhanced to improve customer's fuel experience," Hau said. "The stations are now cleaner, brighter, and have a more welcoming look to give customers a better refueling experience."

Bruce Sutherland, Exxon-Mobil executive director for fuels in Indonesia and the Pacific Islands, said the launch of the Synergy program is a show of commitment and dedication to the Saipan community.

He pointed out that Mobil has worked hard to put terminals and stations back to normal operations after typhoons. "We believe that we are making a positive impact into the community that we operate in. For example, Mobil made \$20,000 contribution to the American Red Cross in 2015 to support recovery efforts after Typhoon Soudelor and similar donations were made in kind, providing fuel in 2018 during [Super] Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts."

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, who was present at the launch, said, "A lot of us grew up with Mobil. ... This has been my gas station as I grew up not too far from here. It's familiar and I am glad that they are continuously innovating, redoing and reinvigorating the industry and our community."

Mobil has been serving the islands for more than 50 years.



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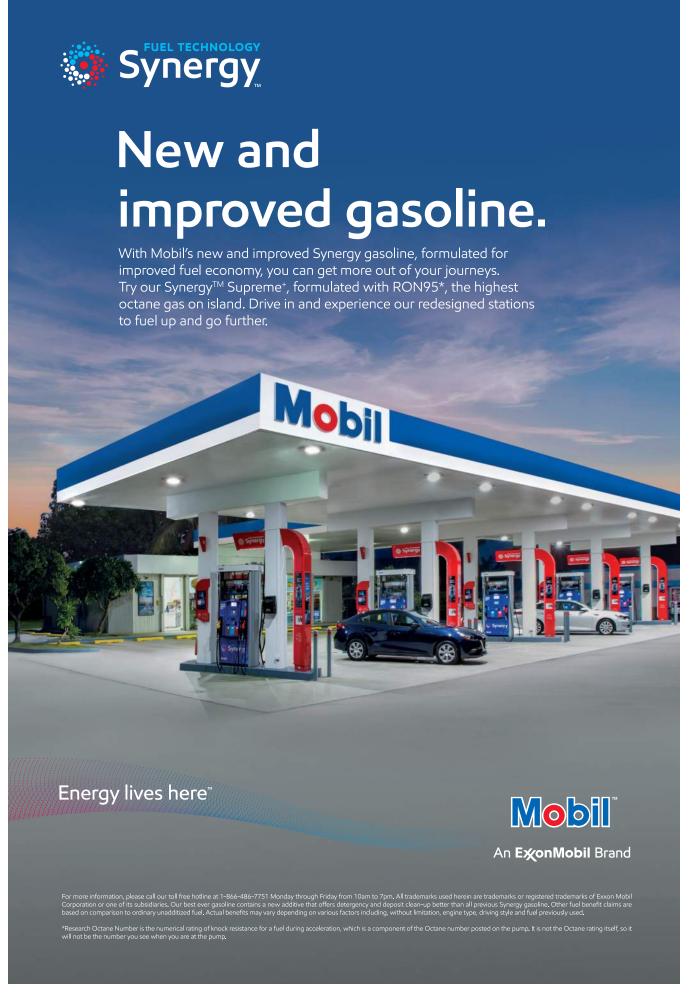
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ExxonMobil executive director for fuels in Indonesia and the Pacific Islands Bruce Sutherland, Lt. Gov. Arnold Palacios and Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. president Jimmy Hau led the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the launch of the improved Synergy gasoline and new look of Mobil service stations.



# Kimo Rosario is acting PSS finance chief

By MARC A. VENUS

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The CNMI Public School

Skymark Airlines Inc. repre-

sentative director and presi-

getting ready to play host.

in the airline's magazine.

positive that they will launch

[daily flights] soon, based

on all the activities that they

have done in the past several

There is no official word yet

on when Skymark will launch

the daily flights, but Aldan-

Pierce believes that Skymark

is fully committed as they

continue to bring in different

executive teams weekly to get

during a hearing on the legis-

The legislation originally

included immediate relatives

of U.S. citizens and other

groups who had been granted

humanitarian parole during

the Obama administration.

However, the Trump admin-

istration ended the program

"...I was able to get sepa-

rate legislation enacted in

June, giving the 1,039 parol-

lation in February 2019.

"Skymark Airlines already

months," she said.

settled on Saipan.

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last year.

flight magazine.

System has named its chief topher Ching, who stepped procurement officer, Kimo Rosario, as the acting director of finance in place of Chris-

down last Thursday.

Education Commissioner Glenn Muña confirmed that Rosario will be taking over Ching's post temporarily, as PSS searches for a replacement.



The Marianas Visitors Authority board meets at the MVA office in Oleai.

MARC A. VENUS

has an operations office personalized at the airport, so that shows us that they will be coming," she said.

With Saipan set to become Skymark's first international route, Aldan-Pierce said the airline is being cautious before launching daily flights to Saipan in order to avoid any technical glitches.

The airline currently flies to over 150 domestic destinations in Japan. Aldan-Pierce sees this as a great opportunity to expose the CNMI to Japan.

She said that the MVA board has always taken the position to rebuild the Japanese market after losing Japan Airlines back in 2005. She said Skymark's charter flights to Saipan is a glimpse of its international flights.

Skymark will be sending three charter flights to Saipan,

residency status are those

who are: (I) was born in the

from Sept. 20 to Sept. 22. Each flight is fully booked and MVA expects each flight to have 180 passengers.

MVA hopes that Skymark would begin its regular, daily flight to Saipan in November

MVA deputy managing director Judy Torres said that MVA is spearheading promotional events in Japan in order to maintain the CNMI's presence as a tourist destination.

paragraph (A); (V) had a

grant of parole under section

"...We have sufficient funds for the tax refunds," he

told Saipan Tribune, replying to a query whether the Torres administration has enough money to cover the costs.

He previously affirmed that the tax refund money was temporarily used for Super Typhoon Yutu recovery,

per Typhoon Yutu, all monies Unfortunately, we were not

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ocratic process. "I can vote now," she said, adding that this will open opportunities for her son's access to grants and scholarship. "But the most important thing is to participate in the democratic process."

Her 21-year-old son is a student at the Northern Marianas College.

Soledad first came to Saipan from the Philippines on May 10, 1989, when she worked as accountant for the late business tycoon Larry Hillblom.

"I've been here for 30 years," she said.

Soledad to get a green card in 2000. She expects her husband's oath-taking for citizen-

left PSS as he intends to obtain a second master's degree in the U.S. mainland. Ching said he informed Muña about his plans to continue his education since last December and he said that Muña understood his decision.

Ching describes his tenure with PSS as a "challenging yet interesting journey." That included the implementation of a revised compensation plan, annual budget proposals, school shelter operations, Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements, and the austerity measures affecting PSS.

# DROWNS

"We are still on the search

temporary replacement

Rosario thanked Muña for

the appointment and hopes to

be able to meet the job's re-

quirements while PSS looks

Saipan Tribune learned

from a source that Ching

sent his letter of resignation

to PSS leaders last week

and served his final day last

Thursday. Ching, who has

been with PSS since 2017,

said in an interview that he

for a new finance chief.

Ching,"

for a director of finance and

Kimo Rosario will act as

Christopher

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for

Muña said.

his family home when family members noticed that the child was nowhere to be seen. All of the victim's family members searched around the house until one of them discovered the victim submerged in water in the home's septic tank. In the police's follow-up investigation, it was learned that the tank was covered with a piece of plywood, and the child must have fallen into the septic tank while walking over

the plywood.

DPS spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan said there were no signs of foul play, but the case remains open.

The child is so far the third reported drowning case this year. The first was the drowning of Eiki Akayama, a 22-year-old Japanese model and well-known YouTube star, who was pronounced dead on Jan. 1, 2019, at 2:55pm after drowning off Bird Island. The second was that of a "local male," who drowned outside the reef by Sugar Dock last March 22, 2019.

of the annual tax rebates

for fiscal year 2018. Tax re-

bates are usually distributed

around the end of May or

"...With the governor's

emergency declaration for the

response and recovery of Su-

early July.

# REBATES

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erally-funded child tax rebate.

causing a delay in the release

were used to get us through. reimbursed as quickly as anticipated, therefore I couldn't replenish it to the levels needed for the full refund," Atalig previously said.

At present, the 57-year-old Soledad is the general manager and managing director at IT&E, where her husband, George, also works.

It was IT&E that petitioned

For Un Hui K. Babauta,

a Korean said, she is just so happy to obtain her citizenship. She said she will stay on Saipan, that she loves.

Babauta first came to the island from Seoul in 1988, when she worked as a garment factory worker. She then met Kevin Babauta, and they got married in 1990. They have three children.

The 52-year-old Babauta now works as an assistant branch supervisor at the Bank of Saipan.

Aside from Soledad and Babauta, the other new citizens are Estrella B. Aguon, Grace P. Atalig, Lornet D. Bangot, Kevin John E. Barros, Zachary K. Cepeda, Arsenia F. Dasalla, Robert D. Dasalla, Pantaleon P. Dejillas, Buhay F. Deleon Guerrero, Rito B. Doca, Wildreda B. Hofschneider, Maria Teresa S. Jayaweera, Rowell C. Pamaran, Marissa N. Pinlac, Hormedas A. Puspus, Teresita L. Restum, Roderick B. Sagucio, and Gregorio C. Santiago Jr.

ees permanent status. Now I want to do the same for longterm workers and for investors, who originally came in under Marianas immigration law. Giving these workers permanent status will help to stabilize the labor situation

in the Marianas. And permanent status for investors will encourage them to keep their businesses in our islands," Sablan noted in yesterday's announcement.

As of 7pm last night, H.R. 560 was among in the 16 bills listed for the full committee's markup or legislative action. The legislation hopes to give workers under the CNMIonly Transitional Program, or CW-1 program, permanent resident status only for

A permanent resident can freely enter and remain in the CNMI.

Section 2 (Long-term legal residents of the CNMI) subsection B (Aliens Described), paragraph v (in addition), subparagraphs I to VI states that those who are qualified for CNMI-Only permanent

Northern Mariana Islands between Jan. 1, 1974, and Jan. 9, 1978; (II) was, on Nov. 27, 2009, a permanent resident of the Commonwealth (as defined in section 4303 of title 3 of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Code, in effect on May 8, 2008); (III) is the spouse or child (as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)) of an alien described in subclause (I) or (II); (IV) was, on Nov. 27, 2011, a spouse, child, or parent of a United States citizen, notwithstanding the age of the United States citizen, and continues to have such family relationship with the citizen on the date of the ap-

212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) on Dec. 31, 2018, under the former parole program for certain in-home caregivers administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; "(VI) was admitted to the Commonwealth as a CNMI-Only Transitional Worker during fiscal year 2015, and during every subsequent fiscal year beginning before the date of the enactment of the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-218); (VII) resided in the Northern Mariana Islands as an investor under Commonwealth immigration law, and is presently resident under E-2 CNMI

"At that time they were able to survive and continue the

plication described in sub-

The Mendez Nunez has sailed to ports in Bombay, Jakarta, Manila, and Bangkok. Sailors from the frigate had the opportunity to tour Guam, visit various historic sights, and enjoy local foods.

Investor Status (E2C)."

ties from Spain and we share many of the same traditions and we've had a very good time here," de La Lastra said. "I want to thank the U.S. Navy to Guam and the naval base as we have been very well supported here." (PR)

# **SPANISH**

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visits and that this is part of the mission to do what Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan did in 1519.

"Our mission is to complete a worldwide deployment, we are sailing eastward from Spain, we are circumnavigating the Earth and the selection

of Guam was because it was a key port in the exploration of Magellan-Elcano," de la Lastra said.

Magellan organized the Spanish expedition from Spain in an effort to find a sea route to the East Indies from 1519 until he was killed in the Battle of Mactan in the Philippine islands in 1521. The voyage was completed by Spanish explorer Juan Sebas-

tian Elcano.

trip, because they found Guam they were able to re-supply," de la Lastra said. "So it was so important for this mission that it was selected by the Chief of Naval Operations of Spain to be part of our deployment."

"There are some similari-

ship to be next year.

The drains in Garapan were immediately filled with water after this week's torrential rains.

# 'Over 2 years needed to resolve Garapan flooding'

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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The Department of Public Works noted yesterday that it might take over two years to completely resolve the Garapan flooding issues—about a year for DPW to come up with the engineering design of the project and about a year and a half to complete construction work.

And that is assuming that the department gets federal funding for the project.

"...It will take approximately two and a half years according to our engineering division," Lorraine Seman from DPW told *Saipan Tribune*. "This includes detail engineer designing, geotechnical testing [ground investigations], environmental assessments, surveys, right-of-way clearing, and historical clearances."

The department is right now working with the Office of Planning and Development to secure funding for the project.

"DPW has provided the information that OPD needs for...grant applications," said a separate statement from the department after *Saipan Tribune* reached out to DPW Secretary James Ada.

"This is a team effort that involves government agencies, DPW, and [the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality] to work in partnership with the private sectors and the community as a whole," the statement added.

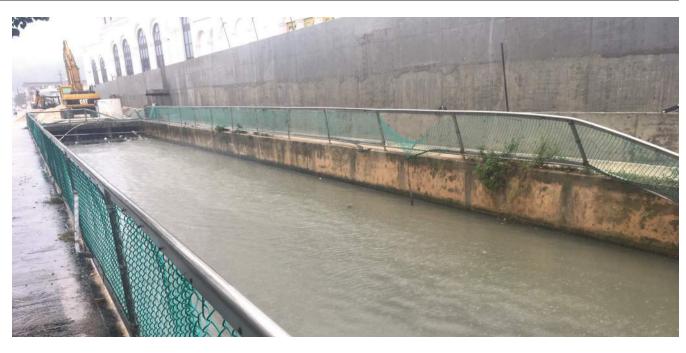
The statement said that relevant government agencies are also working with the private sector so that businesses are given an opportunity to participate in discussions pertaining to a proposed Garapan revitalization project.

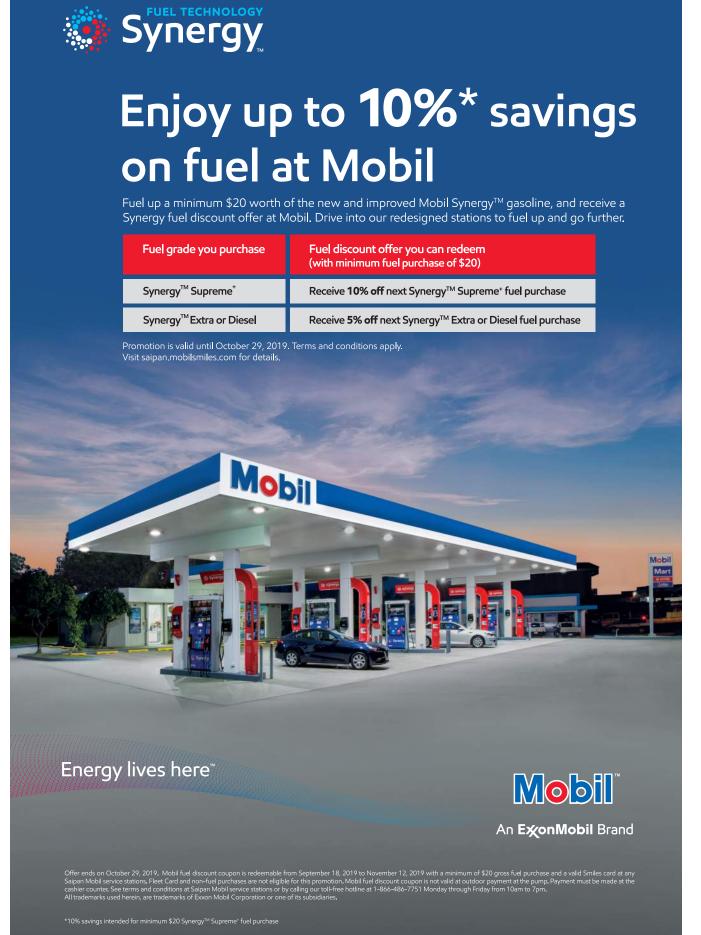
OPD deputy director Chris Concepcion assured that the agency is aware of the kneedeep flooding in some parts of Garapan.

"We saw how bad the flooding got last week with just a couple of hours of rain," he said, noting that the flooding indicates a hazardous, unhygienic, and unhealthy environment.

"I witnessed tourists walking in the water and filming it, which we can assume will go on social media and spread from there—not a good image to portray to the markets," Concepcion said in a previous statement.

"We are reasonably confident that funding is available for these infrastructure improvements so the [Garapan Revitalization] Task Force will continue to push for these projects to be prioritized by the business community and our leaders on Capital Hill," he added.





# . . . as Blanco presses for solutions

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Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan), who represents Garapan under Precinct III, wishes that the Department of Public Works and the Office of Planning and Development would prioritize working on a solution to the Garapan floods.

He also sees a need to prioritize solutions for flooding in other areas such as the Mt. Tapochau, Industrial Road, Chalan Galaide, and San Jose.

"The location is either at the same level as the water at high tide level—possibly lower—so when the drainage gets blocked up, we get flooding," Blanco said.

The lawmaker recognized the ongoing efforts of the OPD and DPW. "I appreciate that OPD and DPW are on top of this. Next year, we expect some flooding...so I hope that they can resolve this once and for all," he said.

OPD deputy director Chris Concepcion told *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend that they have already started the process by seeking out funding with DPW.

He noted that OPD and DPW are also working with the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., the Capital Improvement Project office, and the Marianas Visitors Authority, among other government agencies.

"DPW has informed [me] that those roads qualify as federal highway, to be funded by federal funds. Now it's just a matter of sitting down with landowners for the easement of those roads," Blanco told *Saipan Tribune*, referring to some of the flooding that occurs outside of Garapan. However, he noted that DPW and OPD should first have the capital to improve the area before starting.

"These are projects I would like to be completed as soon as possibly can,"

# **CHCC** keeping tabs on status of swine fever in region

The Commonwealth Health Care Corp. assures that it is keeping an eye on the African swine fever contagion that has now jumped from China to the Philippines.

This comes on the heels of an advisory from the CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources yesterday, warning residents and hog producers in the Commonwealth that the deadly viral infection can possibly spread toward Micronesia.

Travis said that CHCC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program and the Department of Public Health have been monitoring the situation and are constantly receiving alerts from many agencies on specific illnesses or endemics to be aware of.

Travis said that the African swine fever is harmless to people, but are fatal and highly contagious among pigs.

"CHCC remains dedicated to staying alert to diseases such as the African swine fever and will monitor any possibility of

CHCC spokesperson Zoe it reaching the CNMI, and that it is no concern to the CNMI to date," she said.

> On Sept. 9, 2019, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service alerted DLNR that the Philippines confirmed that African swine fever caused the death of hundreds of pigs in towns near its capital city of Manila, making the Philippines the latest country in Asia to be hit by the disease, with hard-hit China and Vietnam culling millions of pigs and scrambling to find a vaccine to contain infections

that have ravaged their swine industries. China is home to half of the world's pig population. In Vietnam alone, the virus has caused the death of more than 4 million pigs.

Some experts have said the current spread of swine fever is the largest known animal disease outbreak in history.

DLNR Secretary Anthony Benavente emphasized that although Africa swine fever has not officially reached the Micronesian region, every effort must be made to prevent its entrance due to proximity of affected countries.

# Community garden to be built on Saipan

Being invested in agriculture is not merely about the economy; it is also about food security. And that is certainly one aspect which the CNMI could be involved in, so it is not reliant on imported food.

Yet less than 2% of the workforce on the island is involved in agriculture.

Which is why Ramon "RB" Camacho is lobbying to uplift the condition of farming on the islands. Camacho

believes that there are a lot of people out there who are willing to be involved in agriculture and are just waiting for something to be developed.

"We have to be mindful...of food security," said Camacho, who is the CNMI committee chair of the Farm Service Agency.

He said that FSA will be linking up with the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension & Educational Services and the Department of Agriculture to develop a recently-acquired property as a community garden.

Camacho strongly believes that by putting the community together, crimes could be prevented.

"We are going to start laying the foundation, putting the plans now, calling on the com-

munity in the area, and start working on the community garden," Camacho said. "This will be a food garden for the community. It's [going to] be free for everyone to

come in."

The development of the community garden also aims

to reach out to the younger generation and teach them the importance of tilling the soil. "I love to see farming ex-

pand. I [call on the community] to promote farming, fight for what is right for us. There is a benefit for each of us in the community if everyone takes farming seriously."

According to American Farm Bureau Federation, \$139.6 billion worth of American agricultural products were exported around the world in 2018. (Iva Maurin)



SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 04, 2019 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

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/S/ ELI D. CABRERA Administrator, Becq

# **CNMI GOVERNMENT** REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO.: DPW/SWMD19-RFP-005 SUBMISSION DATE: October 16, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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QUESTIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 10, 2019. THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED WITHIN THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS AND WILL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROPOSERS.

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<u>/s/James a. ada</u> Secretary of Public Works

/s/FRANCISCO C. AGUON ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S



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# **NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**

# **SKT Company Limited**

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. SKT Company Limited is proposing to occupy an existing duplex structure with (3) bedrooms per unit to operate a bed & breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lots No. 1742 NEW-11 & 1742 NEW-10 in Chalan Kiva. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

A public hearing will be held on:

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 Date:

5:00 pm Time:

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# Taiwan says Solomon Islands switches recognition to China

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—The the Solomon Islands Cabinet na," Taiwanese President Tsai Solomon Islands switched diplomatic recognition from Taiwan to China on Monday, becoming the latest country to leave the dwindling Taiwanese camp.

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry confirmed the move, saying

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Pacific awarded yesterday a

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approved a resolution to recognize Beijing as the government of China.

"We sincerely regret and strongly condemn their government's decision to establish diplomatic relations with Chi-

NAVFAC Pacific awards \$15M contract in Guam

facility at Andersen Air Force

The work includes construc-

tion of a low-rise, one-story re-

inforced concrete ordnance op-

Base in Guam.

Ing-wen said at an evening news conference.

There was no immediate confirmation from the Solomon Islands. The possibility of a switch had been widely reported in recent weeks.

operations within the area com-

pound. This project also con-

structs a low-rise, one-story rein-

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Yigo, Guam and is expected

to be completed by December

2021. (USN)

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Most countries recognize Beijing today, and China has been ratcheting up diplomatic and economic pressure to woo the remaining ones since Tsai took office in 2016. Fewer than 20 governments still recognize Taiwan.

Taiwan split from mainland

China during a civil war in

1949 and set up a rival govern-

ment to the victorious Com-

munists in Beijing.

Tsai said Taiwan will close its embassy in the Solomon Islands and recall all technical and medical personnel stationed there. She said their unfinished cooperation projects would be a loss for the country's people.

"However, this is the choice that the Solomon Islands' government has made, leaving us with no other option but to respond in this way," she said.

China, which considers Taiwan to be part of its territory, wants to bring the island back into its fold under the "one country, two systems" framework that governs Hong Kong and is being sorely tested by pro-democracy protests in the semi-autonomous city this summer.

"As is known to all, there is only one China," Chinese for-

eign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said about the Solomon Islands issue last week.

She described the one-China principle as the right choice that meets the trend of the times. "This choice has been made by 178 countries," she said.

Tsai vowed to resist pressure from China, saying that the mainland was trying to damage the morale of the Taiwanese people and force Taiwan to accept "one country, two systems" by luring away diplomatic allies.

"I am confident that the 23 million people of Taiwan have this to say in response: not a chance," she said.

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**PUBLIC HEARING** 

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# PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT** INVITATION TO BID ITB NO.: ITB 19-DPW-140 SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2019 TIME: 09:30 A.M.

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/S/ JAMES A. ADA SECRETARY, DPW

/S/ <u>Francisco C. Aguon</u> Acting director, P&S



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SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2019 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

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/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

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# 11 in successful compensation suit seeks \$15.8K attorney fee

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Eleven security guards who were awarded a total of \$206,362 in unpaid wages, overtime compensation, and liquidated damages, are also demanding \$15,450 in attorney's fees and \$400 in nontaxable costs.

The guards, through counsel Mun Su Park, informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI Friday that the case is now on its second year and required a substantial amount of work, given the sheer number of plaintiffs.

Park said he has exercised appropriate billing judgment in reducing the hours for which the plaintiffs are seeking reimbursement.

Park said his \$15,450 attorney's fee represents 77.25 hours billed at a rate of \$200 per hour.

At a bench trial last Aug. 30, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered MD. Nurul Bhuiyan, who owns Island Protection Service, to pay the 11 guards \$103,181 in unpaid wages and overtime compensation.

Manglona also ordered Bhuiyan to pay liquidated damages equal to the unpaid wages and \$103,181 in over-

The plaintiffs are all Bangladeshis.

Bhuiyan was ordered to pay Billal Hossen Sarkar \$9,814; MD Shahidul Islam \$19,496; Hemayet Hossen \$16,922; Maksudur Rahman \$19.604: MD Rabi Ullah \$14,279; Abdullah Al Mahamud \$27,323; Abdullah Al Mamun \$28,046; Mohammed Masum Billah \$18,860; Syful Islam \$24,372; Shomon Ullah Monshi \$25,881; and MD. Solaiman Munshi \$1,753.

At the Aug. 30 trial, Amir Rasool and Nasir Uddin voluntarily dropped their claims against Bhuiyan following a settlement. Rasool and Uddin were dismissed from the case.

Janet King is the counsel for Bhuiyan.

At the parties' request, Manglona dismissed without prejudice the six claims in the lawsuit. That left only one claim-violation of the Fair Labor Standard Act. The trial started last Aug. 30.

There were 14 original plaintiffs in this case. The court first dismissed the claims of Khirul Basher following a settlement with Bhuiyan.

In their lawsuit, the 14 guards alleged that they paid a total of \$130,262 in recruitment fees prior to their arrival

on Saipan and that they were promised green cards.

In response to the lawsuit, Bhuiyan asserted that he is not covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act because his company is a small business.

Bhuiyan said his company that he formed in 2008 does not have gross sales of \$500,000 a year.; therefore the District Court does not have jurisdiction over the FLSA claims raised by his former employees.

King argued that to qualify for coverage under the FLSA, Island Protection Services must have annual gross sales of \$500,000 or more.

In his declaration in court, Bhuiyan said eight of the 14 employees are his relatives and their allegation that he has gross revenues in excess of \$500,000 is untrue.

The plaintiffs sued Bhuiyan for allegedly not paying them

the minimum wage and overtime and charging them with immigration filing fees.

The security guards demanded payment for unpaid wages and overtime compensation in an amount ranging from \$3,355 to \$21,593, for a total of \$214,505.



### TRADITIONAL HEALERS

Kyle Kapileo, second from right, poses with his family. His grandfather, Juan Quitugua Kapileo, was one of the 19 traditional healers given posthumous recognition by the Indigenous Affairs Office at the Governor's Office last Tuesday. Kyle Kapileo hopes to follow in his grandfather's footsteps.



#### Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda Wednesday, September 25, 2019

5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe

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# A. Preliminary Matters

- Call to Order Roll Call
- Adoption of 08/22/2019 meeting minutes
- Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

# B. Public Hearings:

- 1. Conditional Use Application #2019-2399: SKT Company Limited is proposing to occupy an existing duplex structure with (3) bedrooms per unit to operate a bed & breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lots No. 1742 NEW-11 & 1742
- 2. Conditional Use Application #2019-2711: P & P Elevator Company is proposing to construct a new structure utilizing 7 (seven) 40' and 1 (one) 20' containers for its Coffee Shop. This use is classified as "Restaurant, General" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 058 D 14 in Navy Hill. This area is zoned
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# Communication

- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- 1. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)
- **Executive (Closed) Session**

# Miscellaneous

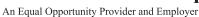
- Other Matters
- Next Meeting H. Adjourn

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/s/ Mariano Taitano, Zoning Board Chairman



# Commonwealth Utilities Corporation





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For Immediate Release Monday, September 16, 2019 Gary P. Camacho, Executive Director Telephone (670) 664-4282 Fax (670) 235-5131

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to construct the Granular Activated Carbon Filtration Systems in I Fadang (Isley Field) and Obyan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties.

The project will install filter systems to treat and remove the perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) contaminants found in the ground water in the Islev Field and Obyan areas. The project will be located at the Isley Field near the Saipan International Airport and the Obyan well field south of the Saipan International Airport runway. Project information is available for review on CUC's website at www.cucgov.org.

If you have any information regarding potential impacts, environmental resources, or historic properties associated with this proposed project, please provide it in writing to:

> Regional Environmental Officer U.S. Department of Commerce **Economic Development Administration** 915 Second Avenue, Room 1890 Seattle, WA 98174 rdefato@eda.gov

Comments received at the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on October 4, 2019 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office.

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# **EDITORIAL**

# If California demands an end to plastic waste, the world's manufacturers will listen. So do it already

ill California show the nation how to take on the enormous problem of single-use plastic? Or will state lawmakers chicken out under heavy lobbying by plastic makers who are happy to continue to cover the world in discarded water bottles, used food wrappers and countless other pieces of disposable packaging?

We will find out soon. It's not an overstatement to say that the fate of one of the world's biggest sources of pollution hangs on the passage of the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, by Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego) and Sen. Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica). This legislation—which will be passed or die on Friday, the last day for the Legislature to pass new bills this yearwould fundamentally reshape the product packaging industry by requiring products sold in the state to be wrapped in material that is being recycled or composted at a 75% rate by 2030.

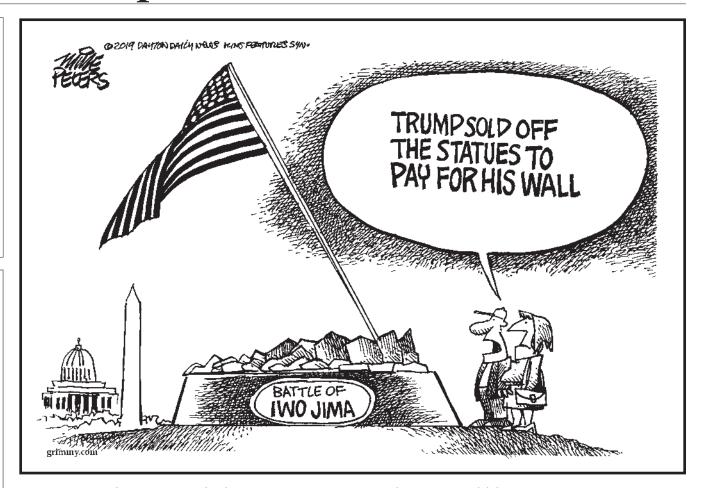
This is important because even though most plastic is theoretically recyclable, very little of it actually gets recycled. Only about 6% of the some 83 billion metric tons of plastic ever produced has been recycled. The rest can be found somewhere in our environment, possibly as tiny particles in the ocean or the food you're eating. And that gap is likely to grow. Even while plastic production has increased, the global demand for used plastic bottles and bags to turn into something else has all but dried up. If the bill becomes law, manufacturers over the next decade will have to build recycling plants for their plastic detergent containers and potato chip bags (creating manufacturing jobs! President Trump's gonna love this law), or repackage them in a material that is compostable or already recycled at a high rate, such as glass.

And if California—which has the fifth-largest economy on the planet—demands sustainable packaging, the world's manufacturers will listen.

What's remarkable is how many organizations that stand to be affected have dropped their initial opposition, including the California Retailers Association, the American Beverage Association and the American Chemistry Council. The state's grocers have gone one step further and now support the bill, which is really astonishing considering that grocery stores would see many of the products on their shelves reconfigured under this bill. Those businesses deserve a lot of credit for not standing in the way of a law that, while good for the planet, would force a big change to their operations.

Now it's time for legislators and the governor to show their support. They have an important choice to make: They can show the world how to tackle the scourge of plastic trash. Or they can demonstrate how fear of political fallout is the biggest obstacle to our environmental challenges. No pressure.

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# Negotiate with Iran, not the Taliban

hat to do about Afghanistan? It's a problem so complex that even ardent Trump critics might muster a little sympathy for his predicament. President Donald Trump didn't create our nation's longest-running war, but the obligation to find a way out of it has landed on his plate.

In fact, Trump campaigned on a promise to withdraw the 14,000 troops who remain in Afghanistan, and many Americans support this goal. Eighteen years is long enough. Since 2001, 2,400 American service members have died there, including at least 14 this year.

But the Taliban are stubborn and resilient. They will not be defeated on the battlefield without a huge commitment of U.S. military resources and an open-ended presence in Afghanistan that could last far into the future. Few Americans support that. So the Trump administration has pursued extended negotia-

tions with the Taliban in the effort to create a power-sharing arrangement with the current Afghan government. The talks haven't gone well. Last week, after the cancellation of an illconsidered meeting with the Taliban at Camp David, Trump declared the talks "dead."

Besides, no one believes that the Taliban would abide by a power-sharing agreement. The fragile Afghan government would fall quickly. The Taliban are the worst of Islamic extremists, and they will thrive in the vacuum left behind. Reprisals

are inevitable. Thousands would die and thousands more would der in Afghanistan. Our withdrawal would create room for Iran suffer grievously under Taliban rule. Women would suffer the most, and generations of little girls would face a lifetime of oppression.

Nor do Taliban promises to forswear connections to al-Qaida have much credibility. Soon Afghanistan could become the sort of sanctuary for jihadism that it was before 9/11.

Negotiating with the Taliban may have been Trump's only choice, but it was always a no-win choice. Talks with the Taliban were always unlikely to turn out well.

We should negotiate with Iran, instead.

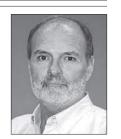
I have no illusions about the current regime in Iran. It, too, is oppressive, homophobic and misogynistic. It supports its interests in unsavory ways all across the Middle East.

But Iran is a powerful, proud nation with democratic instincts unheard of in Saudi Arabia. They date at least to the early 20th century, when Iranians rejected royalty in favor of a parliament.

# By JOHN M. CRISP

Tribune News Service

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Unfortunately, Iranian efforts at democracy have been thwarted by the West's thirst for oil, which eventually made the 1979 revolution almost inevitable. Without British and American interference over the last century, Iran would be a very different place today. That history can't be remedied, but it provides a little hope for Iran's future.

> We have almost no leverage in negotiations with the Taliban. We have a great deal with Iran. Iran is desperate for sanctions relief and it would welcome the withdrawal of American troops from its eastern and western borders. When we invaded Iraq in 2003, we nearly guaranteed Iranian hegemony from Tehran to Damascus, including Iraq. We should let them have it. The Shia Iranians will not tolerate a Sunni Islamic state in that area.

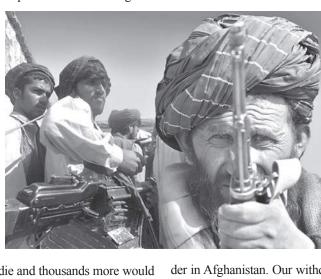
Further, Iran will not have much patience for a radical Sunni regime on its eastern bor-

to influence the creation of a regime stable enough to serve as a buffer between Iran and Sunni Pakistan.

Some elements are non-negotiable: Israel's security must be maintained, as well as protection for the Kurds, the elimination of bases for international jihadism and the guarantee of at least as much status for women as they experience in Iran.

International stability usually involves a balance of power. In the Middle East, the competing weights are Shia (Iran) and Sunni (nearly everyone else). At present our thumb is heavily on the Sunni side of the scale.

A resurgent Iran balanced by a powerful Saudi Arabia is a gamble. But it's their neighborhood. We've probably reached and overreached the limit of our ability to control events in the Middle East. Better to accept the reality that we have than continue the futile effort to achieve the one that we think we want. Make a deal with Iran.



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# Kutturan natibu

uttura" pot modun linala` natibu guine siha na petlas. Estague` na pisu `nai manotohge hit deste antigu esta i modetnu na tiempu.
Huñgan, guaha `nai ta meskla kustumbre,

tradision yan kuttura. Komprendiyun. Guaha kustumbren manñgiñge`, tradision relihion Katoliku, yan kuttura `nai gaige enteru modun linala`ta ni natibu.

Lastima sa` megai gi famaguonta ti makomprende distiñgidu na difirensia gi tres palabra. Mauleg ta fana`gue para benefisiun niha

Kutturan natibu gaige gi liñguahe. Todu pot todu mau`udai gi finu` tanu`. Ti siña un` deskribe asuntu gi hilu` señas. Puru siempre probleman leñgai! Dispues, na`mamahlau `an ti un` tuñgu` hila` nanamu mismu!

#### Inadahe

Membron boards yan commissions man-manombra responsablidat fotmasion areglu. Na`mamahlau para un` pattisipau gi mahatsan sueddun asaguamu `sino haye na parentela.

Interes publiku na gaige hau kumu membro. Ti pot para un' ayuda familiamu! Debi u sattun na sensian integredat gi todu disposision asuntun linahyan. Kau board i PSS 'sino otru inetnun debi u sattun sensian integredat. Haf' mohon?

#### Liñguahe

Gi megai na guma` guine finu` Eñglis diariu na liñguahe. Hita mismu sumede maliñgun liñguahita pot diskuidu.

Puru finu' entut na finu' Chamoru ta huhuñgug ginen famaguonta. No siakassu na obligasionta umusa giya siha i liñguahita.

Mientras tantus, lamegai na Chamoru asuda'hu LA ni titumuñgu finu' Chamoru. Lau manlistu umanunsia na man-Chamoru siha. Esta hinassun niha kulan Amerikanu.

Mattu gi ha estotbayu` i ti matuñgu` finu` Chamoru ya metgut mafatta rasan niha. Dinanche finu` i kanta, "Amerikanun pau

asu!" Dios mihu!

#### Rininueba

Gi uttimun siñkuenta siha na sakan `nai matutuhun pinetsigen petmanente na relasion yan Estados Unidos De America.

Ta choneg dinaña` yan Guahan lau mañega ni tautau niha. Ta bira hit tatte `nai ta petsige tumatiye sattun guinifita. Komplidu!

Ti hu komprende sentimentun mañainata gi pinetsigen nuebu na estau. Hu guadog dispues haf` na mana` impottante tinilaika. Oppan na muñga siha rumepite i makat na finapus niha gi tiempun Japones.

Gi megai na man-amko'ta hu huñgug linayu' malimitten edukasion famaguon natibu ni Japones. Ti mañgonfotme nu ayu na disision. Dañkulu na kinententu i guaha kampun appottunidat gi papa' banderan Amerikanu.

Lehitimu na sentimentu ni tinatitiye pinetsigen adelantun tautau-ta siha gi nuebu na areglamentun sisteman gobietnamentu. Disision para i tautau, ginen i tautau, pot i tautau. Estague` impottansiaña i gobietnamento-ta pa`gu.

Hita dumisidi haye para gobietnu yan membron lehislatura. Gi papa' sattun yan ansianu na animu 'nai mapetsige areglun adelantun todu. I chechegueña gai dinispasiu lau patte este gi mamueban hinanau natibu.

#### Bintaha

Hita gumubietnan maisa hit deste 1978. Dispues guaha representante-ta giya Washington (Kilili). Maseha adumididi` estaya guaha kampu para umahuñgug i afagau na bos tautau-ta.

Naturat i burukan fotmasion nuebu na gobietnu. Ti todu manmana'e hit lau sufisiente para ta tutuhun disposision asuntota giya hita namaisa. Felis hinanauta deste tutuhun. Ayu dispues 'nai ta bira hit halum umusune haf' siha asuntota guine.

Dinisehan felis na karera ti mahñau. Lau sumen makat na asuntu ekonomian isla. Dikiki` na tanu` ni rinidonduye biyon

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pot biyon na kantidan hanum gi oriya. Trabiha mantinane` otru asuntu siha asuntu sin seriosu na inestudia haf` na appottunidat guaha ginen minan tasin tano`ta.

#### Gastu

Hu abiriguan ñaihon gastun nesessidat giya Luta yan Tinian. Kanaha` 35 pot sientu mas guaguan ke Saipan. I umayuda i mañeluta i tai deskansu na animun niha gi gualu` yan hatdin.

Gi mismu tiempu lamegai fuetsau man-hanau para Guahan, Hawaii yan America `nai guaha mas appottunidat cho`chu`, mauleg na sisteman hinemlu` yan edukasion para i famaguon niha.

Hu chage kume komprende i asuntu lau ti siña huna` fan afagha` kuentas-hu. Lau didog ha estotbayu` haf` masusesede gi dos petlas.

### Gaseta

Haf na atadog agila matahu 'an oga 'an mangalope entalu' gasetan Internet, radio, television yan regulat na papet gaseta. Dispues 'nai sumehayu' umebalua haf na asuntu propiu marebisa.

Bisiun periodista, diariu. Gi hinanau ha`ane kase dos-tres biahe hu rikonose radio yan television gi haf` na asuntu masusede gi oriyata. Ayu finenina hu rikononose i tiempu—kau homhum, nubladu `sino somnag—yan kau guaha linau hihot yan Marianas.

Dispues de huna` kontentuyu` `nai hu petsige otru asuntog-hu siha. Namagof i fina` pus ha`ane gi otdinariu na attura.

# Tres

Un' lemlem tautau huli'e tres manug gi tatten guma. Mañga-hulu' dispues gi ramas troñku par u fan deskansa.

I numeru tres i sumaga gi hinassoghu. Ha tutuhungue` gi tres na petsona lau lau unu ha` na Yuus: I Tata, Lahiña yan Sspiritu Santu. `An masañgane hau para un` ketu añgoghu na i mina` tres biahe tatatte i kuatta.

`An marimata kampanan Guma` Yuus, tres. I mina` tres na napu i mas dañkulu. Kase i ma`gas na numeru gi kinalamten hinerat. Numerun luseru pot direksion unu yan todu. Sin numeru tres kada unu konsu bisnesña `nai taya` areglu.

# **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

# Keeping the islands clean

I was very touched to see a newspaper article in the Saipan Tribune titled "Campaign against trash in first Micronesia Cleanup Day" last Sept. 16, 2019. This cleanup activity was led by Gov. Torres and, during the cleanup, the governor gave the statement, "Let's protect our islands, our beaches or waters, our land." And Lt. Gov. Palacios stated, "The day also serves as a public awareness campaign that highlights how important the environment is." I fully agree with them. Through this activity I hope that more and more people will become further interested in the environment and keen to do cleanup activities. But I particularly believe that this is not just an ordinary cleanup activity, but also sends a deeper meaning to the people in CNMI. In the article, one official of Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality pointed out that "people should also reuse, recycle, and properly dispose of their trash—not drive off into the jungle and dump it." I think that this is right and on point as the CNMI has a great asset; there is no rival for its clear skies and clean water.

In order to promote tourism, I firmly believe that the CNMI should continue to keep the islands clean.

**Kazuhiko Ono** Head of Office Consular Office of Japan

# Two ways to get your Medicare

id you know that there are two different ways to receive your Medicare benefits?

The most popular way is Original Medicare. With Original Medicare, you can choose any doctor, hospital, or other healthcare provider you want, as long as they accept Medicare. When you receive medical services or goods, Medicare pays the provider directly.

The other way is Medicare Advantage, which is a form of managed care, like an HMO or PPO. Medicare Advantage plans are sold by private insurance companies approved by Medicare. If you're in Medicare Advantage, you generally must go to doctors and other providers within the company's network.

On the other hand, Medicare Advantage plans may cover some benefits—such as dental, hearing, and vision—that Original Medicare doesn't.

Most people with Original Medicare pay a monthly premium. Some Medicare Advantage plans charge an additional monthly premium; others don't.

With Original Medicare, you must pay deductibles and/or co-insurance when you get care.

To cover these "gaps" in Medicare, some people buy supplemental insurance called Medigap. If you have a Medigap policy, Medicare pays its share of the covered costs, and then your Medigap policy pays its share.

Original Medicare generally doesn't cover prescription drugs. If you want drug coverage, you can purchase a Medicare Part D plan. Like Medicare Advantage, Part D plans are sold by private insurers, which charge a monthly premium for them.

About 70 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are currently in Original Medicare; the rest get coverage through Medicare Advantage.

Medicare Advantage companies must cover all of the services that Original Medicare covers, except hospice care and some care in qualifying clinical research studies. (Original Medicare covers these items even if you're in a Medicare Advantage plan.)

Medicare Advantage plans cover emergency and urgent care, and many include some prescription drug coverage.

But the plans can charge different out-of-pocket amounts and they have different rules for how you get service.

For example, you may need a referral to see a specialist. And

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you may need to stay in their provider network, unless you're willing to pay more to go outside the network.

You should always check with the plan before you get a service to find out whether it's covered and what your costs may be. If the plan decides to stop participating in Medicare, you can join another Medicare health plan or return to Original Medicare.

How can you decide whether Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage is better for you?

There's a more detailed explanation of the differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage in the "Medicare & You" handbook, which is mailed to all Medicare households every fall. The handbook is also available through our website, www.Medicare.gov. (Go to "helpful links" at the bottom of the page.)

You can shop for a health or drug plan using the Medicare Plan Finder, also available on the Medicare.gov website. Click on the button that says, "Find health & drug plans." (More about the new, improved Plan Finder in next month's column.)

If you have any questions, you can always call Medicare's toll-free number, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Customer service representatives are available 24/7.

If you'd like to join a Medicare Advantage or Part D drug plan, you can do so during Medicare's open enrollment period, which runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 each year.

If you're in Original Medicare and you're satisfied with it, you don't need to do anything during open enrollment. But we find that people with Medicare Advantage or Part D plans can often save money by shopping around.

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# The Weather

#### 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN **TODAY FRIDAY** SATURDAY **THURSDAY** SUNDAY Mostly cloudy with Mostly cloudy with Mostly cloudy with Partly cloudy with isolated Partly cloudy with isolated scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. isolated showers and thunderstorms isolated showers and thunderstorms **77**° 840 **77**° **78º 84º**

### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



# PICTURE TIME: 6:36 AM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite and radar have shown dry conditions across the Marianas for most of the night with thick cloud cover lingering from convection to the west. However, isolated showers and thunderstorms are seen moving in from the west. An upper-level low is seen ENE of the Marianas near 18N155E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Palau	Mostly Sunny	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	88° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	88° / 78°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	87° / 82°

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Auckland	Showers	59° / 48°
Beijing	Cloudy	75° / 57°
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	90° / 81°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	90° / 78°
London	Showers	70° / 48°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	81° / 64°
Manila	Thunderstorm	82° / 77°
Melbourne	Windy	70° / 61°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	87° / 78°
New York	Partly Cloudy	71° / 57°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	90° / 72°
Paris	Sunny	70° / 48°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	75° / 64°
Rome	Sunny	88° / 63°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	94° / 67°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	67° / 55°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	75° / 57°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	81° / 63°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	78° / 59°



Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

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Saturday	6:05 AM	6:14 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:13 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	9:02 AM	9:02 PM
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Friday	-	10:43 AM	10:27 PM
Saturday	-	11:37 AM	11:16 PM
Sunday	-	12:33 AM	-

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UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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	UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; BC SkyMark ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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# LDTF to launch young author's book on Saturday

The Lady Diann Torres Foundation will launch its fifth children's book during the International Festival of Cultures on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Paseo de Marianas.

Leilani Attao, the winner of LDTF's Second Annual Young Author's Language in Literacy Writing Competition and the author of the newly

published Maolik Kontra Baba, translated as Good versus Bad, will be signing copies of the book at the festival.

The book signing will be held at the CNMI Tent between 5pm and 9pm. Copies of Maolik Kontra Baba will be sold for \$10 each. Proceeds will go to the next Language in Literacy Young Author's Writing Competition event.

Attao wrote Maolik Kontra Baba when she was in fifth grade while attending Garapan Elementary School. She is currently in seventh grade at Hopwood Middle School. A synopsis of the book tells us a fictional story that took place in Alamagan where the protagonist, Taga,

had a strange encounter with the evil Birak that lead him to his moral dilemma of good versus bad.

"Leilani authored a wellwritten book that makes for an exciting read for all ages," said first lady Diann Torres. "We are excited to include Maolik Kontra Baba in our library of young author's children's books published through my foundation."

Torres encourages all aspiring young authors to participate in the upcoming 2019 Young Author's Writing Competition, which welcomes au-

thors in grades 4 to 12. Books must be written in either Chamorro or Carolinian with an English translation. Books written by authors in grades 4 to 8 must not exceed 250 words while those in grades 9 to 12 are limited to no more than 500 words. More details about the 2019 Young Author's Writing Competition will be made available in the coming weeks.

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For more information about the LDTF Language in Literacy Young Author's Writing Competition, email LDTF at ladydianntorres@ gmail.com or call 235-2383 (LDTF). *(PR)* 

# Learning Chamorro through online videos

The Division of Youth Services, under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, is excited to partner with the Youth Affairs Office on an online Chamorro learning resource called the Ketungu' Chamorro Project, which is available at www. mycnmi.com.

Children who avail of the Youth Affairs Office's youth centers throughout the CNMI would be exposed to episodes of videos teaching the Chamorro language twice a week, or eight times a month.

Videos can improve learning and retention. It is estimated that a minute of online video equates to approximately 1.8 million written words.

DYS administrator Vivian Sablan recognizes the use of videos as a tool that would complement the learning that children are having at home from their parents, and from school, where they have bilingual classes.

"The kids will be benefiting from this program," Sablan said. "The show is actually very visual. There are a lot of visual learners, and they are going to be excited because it's not just reading and writing. It's actual."

Sablan adds that the youth being able to learn the language is very important because it is a symbol of one's identity. "Identity identifies who you are, where you come from, what you are. So with all these reinforcements, and all the programs supplementing each other, I think we can help the children and families bring [the language] back."

In early September, the Indigenous Affairs Office loaned laptops to the Division of Youth Services and the Youth Affairs Office to facilitate the Ketungu' Chamorro Project. (Iva Maurin)



Leilani Attao, second from left, author of the newly published Maolik Kontra Baba, poses with first lady Diann Torres, center, and others. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



# Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** CUC-RFP-19-033

# REQUEST FOR FEE PROPOSAL FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from professional Archaeologist who meets U.S. Department of Interior qualifications (36CFR61) to create a work plan to prepare information. data, and documentation needed to conduct Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) review with aim of completing Section 106 Review and generating archaeological expectations necessary for the proposed CUC waterline and sewerline projects proposed for FY 19. The selected consultant shall provide necessary assessment within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) of the proposed waterline and sewerline installation satisfactory to the CUC, United States Environmental Protection Agency and State Historic

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-033, Request for Fee Proposal for Archaeological Services" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than September 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 6, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Engineer for Water Division at email address nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Technician, Senior at email address

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE

MANNY BOYER SABLAN



# Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-19-037

# FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR **ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, 2020 & 2021**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) requires the services of a U.S. Certified Public Accounting Firm/Individual with knowledge, skill, and experience in auditing (1) financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards of the U.S. and; (2) federal awards programs in accordance with the Single Audit Act and U.S. Office of Management and Budget requisites

- Provide assistance to the CUC management with the preparation of the annual financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- Ensure that the financial statements and auditor's reports also meet any specific requirements contained in agreements
- or other contractual requirements relative to financial statement presentation and the audits.

  Submit the draft financial statements and accompanying auditor's reports to CUC management no later than January 31st
- of each year, and issue the final reports no later than February 28th of each year.

  Provide 15 bound copies of the final financial statements and accompanying auditor's report Provide an electronic copy (e.g., pdf format) of the final report to the CUC

The date of contract award will be no later than November 22, 2019. Auditors are responsible to review the 2019, 2020 & 2021 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets for each fiscal year

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-037, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019, 2020 & 2021" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than October 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST). A copy of the submission, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late si vill not be considered

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

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GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY BOYER SABLAN

# DPS inspectors to check brakes of commercial vehicles

Certified personnel of the Department of Public Safety - Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program will be checking the brakes of commercial vehicles

within the week of Sept. 15-21, which has been declared Brake Safety Week, to ensure that their brakes work.

the roadside inspection and identification of commercial motor vehicles with critical brake violations. Vehicles This initiative is focused on found to have critical brake

violations, or other critical vehicle inspection item conditions, will be removed from CNMI roadways until those violations are corrected.

The inspections include thorough investigation of brake systems on commercial motor vehicles. Inspectors will also pay special attention to brake hoses/tubing, which must be properly attached, undamaged, without leaks and

appropriately flexible.

This brake-focused safety initiatives aim to reduce the number of crashes involving commercial motor vehicles with brake system deficiencies by conducting roadside mechanical fitness inspections and removing commercial motor vehicles with dangerous brake conditions from our roads.

Brake Safety Week is part of the Operation Airbrake Program, sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, in partnership with the Canadian and policy makers. (PR)

Council of Motor Transport Administrators and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

CVSA is a nonprofit association composed of local, state, provincial, territorial and federal commercial motor vehicle safety officials and industry representatives. The alliance aims to achieve uniformity, compatibility and reciprocity of commercial motor vehicle inspections and enforcement by certified inspectors dedicated to driver and vehicle safety. Our mission is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and uniformity throughout Canada, Mexico and the United States by providing guidance and education to enforcement, industry

# UoG wins grant to document CHamoru language



The University of Guam announced at a press conference on Sept. 12 that it received the National Science Foundation's Documenting Endangered Languages grant to document the CHamoru language. From left, Francine Naputi, project coordinator, Kumision i Fino' CHamoru; David A. Ruskin, co-principal investigator on the grant and assistant professor of linguistics at UOG; Robert A. Underwood, co-principal investigator on the grant and president emeritus of UOG; and Andrea Berez-Kroeker, consultant on the grant, University of Hawaii Kapiolani Language Archive. UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

The University of Guam will begin work to formally document and create a repository for the CHamoru language through a grant awarded this week to the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences. The Documenting Endangered Languages grant is the first-ever National Science Foundation grant awarded to the liberal arts college and will fund a project titled "Developing CHamoru Language Infrastructure: Goggue Yan Chachalani Mo'na I Fino'ta (Embrace and Make a Way Forward for Our Language)."

"This is a major step toward documenting key grammatical features of the CHamoru language in a formal way," said Robert A. Underwood, coprincipal investigator of the project and president emeritus of the University of Guam.

The grant will provide \$275,000 toward the project, which seeks to provide an in-depth understanding of the underpinnings of the CHamoru language as spoken by remaining first-language CHamoru speakers and to develop a CHamoru cadre of language documenters drawn from university students and language educators in Guam.

The project will select 10 individuals for whom CHamoru is their first language and who are acknowledged experts in the language. Over the course of three years, these individu-

als will identify traditional terms and cultural practices related to five specific cultural areas. They will also be asked to produce speech samples to be archived.

The grant will build a local repository at the Micronesian Area Research Center as well as formal linguistic tagging and archiving at the University of Hawaii. The Kumision i Fino' CHamoru will be a primary partner, maintaining a working repository on the CHamoru language as part of its sponsorship of a Language Revitalization Center.

"This project will simultaneously generate new information and collect existing data in a way that is useful for linguists, the CHamoru community, and academics studying endangered languages," said David Ruskin, an assistant professor of linguistics at the university and co-principal investigator of the project. "The project will create an audio and video snapshot of how people actually speak and use the CHamoru language today, preserving that knowledge for future generations."

The documentation from the project will be accessible to the community through an archive created at the Micronesian Area Research Center at the University of Guam as well as through a YouTube channel, podcast, and social media. (PR)

# NMHC, PSS to host history day contest for students

To promote the history of the islands, the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and the Public School System will be launching a National History Day competition for students.

The competition would require students to prepare projects related to history using different media, said Humanities Council executive director Leo Pangelinan.

"The Humanities Council is concerned about the history of our islands, and we want to promote it in any way we can," Pangelinan said. "One of the effective ways to do that is to engage younger people in our community, to help them learn how to be able to collect history through the memories of people who are still alive"

The Humanities Council intends to make the competition a regional one, with the winner ultimately competing in Maryland in June 2020.

Pangelinan has partnered

with oral historian Rlene Steffy to hold workshops to help teachers and interested individuals in advising students on their projects using oral history tools.

Steffy has been molding future oral historians through the workshops she has been facilitating through the years.

"The whole purpose is to encourage people in the Northern Marianas to collect our history," Steffy said. "We want to introduce them to the collection process of oral history, the benefit of oral history, and the methods that are necessary to conduct oral history interviews.'

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council offers grants to people who want to produce things that are of historical value, with Steffy as mentor for up to a year of the duration of the project. For more information, contact the Humanities Council office at 235-4785. (Iva Maurin)

# **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

# MHS Class of '81 reunion meeting set

This is to inform all Marianas High School 1981 graduates that the reunion meeting originally set for Thursday, Sept. 26, has been postponed and rescheduled to Friday, Sept. 27, 2019, starting at 6pm at the TechNic Gaming Center above Sherwin Williams and across Bank of Hawaii on Middle Road. (PR)

# **Zoning closed** on Sept. 20

The Saipan Zoning Office will be closed on Friday, Sept. 20, 2019, from 7:30am to 4:30pm for a professional development and training workshop for its staff. Regular office hours will

resume on Monday, Sept. 23, 2019, at 7:30am. (PR)

# **Checkpoints tomorrow**

The CNMI Department of Public Safety will be conducting occupant protection/ child restraint checkpoints tomorrow, Sept. 19, 2019. The first checkpoint will be on Beach Road, Garapan to Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa, from 8:15am to 9:30am. The second checkpoint will be on Chalan Pale Arnold, Puerto Rico to Chalan Pale Arnold, Chalan Lau Lau, from 4:30pm to 5:45pm. (PR)

### **Water service** interruption today

There will be a scheduled

water service interruption on Capital Hill 1200 Block, 1300 Block, Wireless Ridge, Eggi Drive, Marshall Loop and for customers along Capital Hill Isa Drive to the Kagman Mobil gas station today, Sept. 18, from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Customers in these areas should expect restoration of water services soon after. This will allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s water operations personnel to perform repairs on a damaged main service lateral on Marshall Loop and Kwajelein Avenue on Capital Hill. *(PR)* 

# Tickets now on sale for **Club 200**

The American Red Cross-Northern Mariana Islands Chapter will be hosting the Club 200 fundraiser on the evening of Oct. 12, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. The theme this year is Latin Nights. Door prizes will be up grabs. The grand prize is a 2019 Tovota RAV4. For the first time, pinatas will give party-goers a chance to capture other prizes. Tickets are on sale now for \$100 each, \$150 for VIP reserved seats and extra-caliente swag. Tickets are available at Joeten Stores, Red Cross board members or at the Chapter office near the airport. For additional information, call 234-3459. (PR)

# **Call for nomination**

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is accepting nominations for the 2018 Governor's Humanities Awards to recognize outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following four categories:

- Research and Publication in the Humanities;
- Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices;
- Preservation of CNMI History; and
- Outstanding Humanities Teacher (in both classroom and non-classroom settings).

A fifth category, Lifetime Achievement, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at www.nmhcouncil. org. Nominations may be made by any member of the public and are due no later than 4pm on Oct. 11, 2019.

Awards will be presented in a special ceremony in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month (time, date and venue to be announced).

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. (PR)

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# **Business**

# Guam Business Magazine announces its '40 Under Forty'

TUMON, Guam—A group of young business professionals was announced as Guam Business Magazine's "40 Under Forty" on Sept. 13. The list recognizes the most innovative and influential businesspeople in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands under the age of 40.

The group was celebrated at a cocktail event on Sept. 13 at the Hyatt Regency Guam and is also featured in the September-October issue of Guam Business Magazine, available





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Andrew C. Park, president,

Award: Jason B. Miyashita, managing director, senior vice president of investments and senior institutional consultant, Asia Pacific Group of Raymond James & Associates Inc.

**Industry Influential Award:** Derek A. Cutting, founder and owner, Latte Built 24hr Fitness & Nutrition LLC

**Brand Innovator Award: Rob**ert C. Travilla, co-founder and creative director, Tribe Marianas

**Most Promising Award:** Dylan R. Saad, chef-owner, Primo Pizzakaya. (PR)

com, at Bestseller bookstores, Pay-Less Supermarkets and

76/Circle K stations in Guam and at Shell stations in Saipan. The following special rec-

**Community Spirit Award:** 

ognitions were given at the

Pacific Energy Corp.

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# Aetna to deliver new, improved health benefits for GovGuam employees

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Aetna International is pleased to confirm it has been chosen as the exclusive health insurance provider for government of Guam employees, retirees and their families.

Under GovGuam's Aetna International healthcare program for FY2020, members will benefit from a range of enhanced benefit options while retaining the basic features under their current program.

FY2020 plan options, including PPO 1500, HSA 2000, the Retiree Supplemental Plan and Foster Plan, will remain the same as the current plan year. Local network access and on-island support will continue as normal. Under the new program, members will receive additional support in the form of 24/7 customer service, reduced limitations on key screening services, and will have enhanced access to a broader range of off island providers.

Justin Remick, head of Government Programs at Aetna International, said: "We are honored that we have been chosen to deliver industry leading health and wellness benefits with a local touch for government of Guam employees, retirees and their families.

"At Aetna International we firmly believe that healthcare should be personal, convenient and affordable, and that industry leading health and wellness benefits should always go hand-in-hand with local connections and expertise. I'm very much looking forward to speaking with our new members at our upcom-

journeys."

Members will continue to have access to St. Luke's hospital

in the Philippines, just as they do today. In addition, through Aetna International's off island benefit program members will now have access to over 1 million providers on the U.S. mainland, including world-renowned hospitals from coast-to-coast.

Other improved benefit options include Medicare Direct which reduces the member intervention required in the claim payment process. Deductibles will accumulate across both non-participating and participating providers. No age and dollar limits for Autism Spectrum Disorders. No age and frequency limit on Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) screenings and annual mammography screenings.

To aid in member transition and allow GovGuam employees more time to enroll, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero has requested that the annual enrollment period be extended. In support of this request, Aetna International has agreed and the annual enrollment period will now take place from September 23rd through October 12th. During this time, Aetna International will be holding a series of open enrollment sessions at which local experts will

ing enrolment sessions and be available to discuss plan am proud that Aetna Interna- and health benefit options tional will be supporting gov- as well as more informaernment of Guam New plans will tion about Aetemployees on New plans will na Internation-

their healthcare **deliver world-** al's services in Guam. More class health details on the benefits with a times and localocal touch tions of enroll-

ment sessions will be announced in the coming days.

Aetna International is committed to helping create a stronger, healthier global community by delivering comprehensive health care benefits and population health solutions worldwide. One of the largest providers of international private medical insurance, Aetna International serves more than 800,000 members worldwide, including expatriates, local nationals and business travellers. Its global benefits include medical, dental, vision and emergency assistance and, in some regions, life and disability. Aetna International also offers customised technological and health management solutions for health care systems, government entities and large employers to improve people's health, enhance quality of care and contain costs. Aetna International is a subsidiary of Aetna, a CVS Health company, which serves an estimated 39 million people with information and resources to help them make better informed decisions about their health care.

For more information, see www.aetnainternational.com or LinkedIn. (PR)

# Oil prices jump as attack on Saudi plant jolts supply

Global energy prices spiked more than 14% Monday after a weekend attack on key oil facilities in Saudi Arabia caused the worst disruption to world supplies on record.

It was an increase on par with the 1991 Gulf War and analysts said heightened tensions in the Middle East could keep prices elevated for the foreseeable future. The wider economic fallout will depend on just how long the Saudi supply disruption lasts.

U.S. crude oil jumped more than \$8 to close at \$62.90 a barrel, and Brent picked up nearly \$9 per barrel, to reach \$69.02.

The attack on Saudi Arabia's largest oil processing plant disrupted more than half of its dailv exports, halting 5% of world crude oil output.

It followed a string of other attacks in the Persian Gulf, which threatened global oil supplies and stirred tensions in the region. But the scope of the most recent incident was more severe. That's especially worrying for oil-thirsty Asia, where China, Japan, South Korea and India are major customers of Saudi oil.

"What got hit is really important and serious, and this is not going to be a 'We're fixing it in two days' kind of thing," said Amy Myers Jaffe, senior fellow at the Council for Foreign Relations. "It's the difference between my stabbing you in the leg or the shoulder, versus stabbing you in the neck."

The Associated Press explains the far-reaching impact of the attack on the global



A worker refuels a car at a gas station in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, Monday, Sept. 16, 2019.

### THE US AND **ASIA'S RELIANCE** ON MIDEAST OIL

Asia is the biggest consumer of Persian Gulf oil, absorbing three-quarters of the oil that traveled out of the region last year. Saudi Arabia provides about a fifth of China's crude imports, more than 37% of Japan's and almost a third of South Korea's.

And while oil production in the U.S. is booming, it is not enough to replace what could potentially be lost if there are further disruptions in the Middle East. It also is not the type of crude oil everyone wants.

Most of the new oil produced in the U.S. is light and sweet. But many oil refineries along the U.S. Gulf Coast are designed to process heavy crude so it imports some of that from Saudi Arabia while shipping some of its own light, sweet crude to Europe.

The U.S. still imports a hefty amount of oil, and in 2018 it brought in 2.34 million barrels of oil per day, representing 11% of the petroleum consumed in the country.

# **HIGHER OIL PRICES IMPACT GLOBAL ECONOMY**

The oil price spike comes at a risky time for the U.S. economy. Businesses have already reduced their investment spending as the U.S.-China trade war has raised costs and uncertainty, and the slowing global economy has cut into U.S. exports.

Higher oil prices, which typically push up gasoline costs, erode Americans' spending power. That could also weigh on growth at a time when hiring is slowing down and consumers may face higher prices from new tariffs on Chinese imports.

"One of the biggest factors playing into our current economic outlook is uncertainty, said Beth Ann Bovino, U.S. chief economist at S&P Global Ratings. "Higher oil prices may be just one more nail in the coffin for this U.S. expansion."

# LEADING INDICATORS

DOW 27,076.82 -142.70 .52%

2,997.96 -9.430.31%

NASDAQ 8,153.54 -23.17 0.28%

# **EXCHANGE RATES** Australian Dollar 1.4628

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	British Pound	0.805
ollar	Canadian Dollar	1.325
In U.S. dollar	Chinese Yuan	6.965
Inu	Euro	0.907

Hong Kong Dollar	7.8219
Indian Rupee	71.0892
Japanese Yen	108.1170
Malaysian Ringgit	4.1337
New Zealand Dolla	r <b>1.5793</b>
Philippine Peso	51.2673

Russian Ruble	63.8898
Singapore Dollar	1.3766
South Korean Won	1169.35
Swiss Franc	0.9913
Taiwan Dollar	30.4424
Thailand Baht	30.5185

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# **Nation**

# House Judiciary Committee to hold first impeachment hearing

WASHINGTON (AP)—As they investigate President Donald Trump, Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee will hold their first official hearing in what they are calling an impeachment investigation.

Lewandowski, Corey Trump's outspoken former campaign manager, is scheduled to appear Tuesday to discuss former special counsel Robert Mueller's report.

But it's unlikely that Democrats will get much new information. A devoted friend and supporter of the president, Lewandowski isn't expected to elaborate much beyond what he told Mueller's investigators last year. Mueller himself testified this summer, with no bombshells. Two other witnesses who were subpoenaed alongside Lewandowski - former White House aides Rick Dearborn and Rob Porter — won't show up at all, on orders from the White House.

The hearing underscores what has been a central dilemma for House Democrats all year — they have promised to investigate Trump, aggressively, and many of their base supporters want them to move quickly to try and remove him from office. But the White House has blocked their oversight requests at most every turn, declining to provide new documents or allow former aides to testify. The Republican Senate is certain to rebuff any House efforts to bring charges against the president. And moderate Democrats in their own caucus have expressed nervousness that the impeachment push could crowd out their other ac-



In this March 8, 2019, file photo, President Donald Trump's former campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, right, and his lawyer Peter Chavkin, left, arrive to meet behind closed doors with the House Intelligence Committee, at the Capitol in Washington. AP

complishments.

Still, the Judiciary panel is moving ahead, approving rules for impeachment hearings last week. Among those guidelines is allowing staff to question witnesses, as will happen for the first time with Lewandowski.

Lewandowski was a central figure in Mueller's report, which said Trump could not be exonerated on obstruction of justice charges. Mueller's investigators detailed two episodes in which Trump asked Lewandowski to direct then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions to limit Mueller's investigation. Trump said that if Sessions would not meet with Lewandowski, then Lewandowski should tell Sessions he was fired.

Lewandowski never deliv-

ered the message but asked Dearborn — a former Sessions aide — to do it. Dearborn said he was uncomfortable with the request and also declined to deliver it, according to the report.

Porter, a former staff secretary in the White House, took frequent notes during his time there that were detailed throughout the report. He resigned last year after public allegations of domestic violence by his two ex-wives.

In letters to the committee on Monday, the White House said that Dearborn and Porter were "absolutely immune" from testifying. White House counsel Pat Cipollone wrote that the Justice Department had advised, and Trump had directed, them not to attend "because of

the constitutional immunity that protects senior advisers to the president from compelled congressional testimony."

In a separate letter, Cipollone said that Lewandowski, who never worked in the White House, should not reveal private conversations with Trump beyond what is in Mueller's report. He wrote that his conversations with Trump "are protected from disclosure by long-settled principles protecting executive branch confidentiality in-

Democrats say the White House's rationale isn't legally sound. In a statement, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler said the White House's position is "a shocking and dangerous assertion of

executive privilege and absolute immunity.'

He added: "The President would have us believe that he can willfully engage in criminal activity and prevent witnesses from testifying before Congress — even if they did not actually work for him or his administration."

In an effort to try and pry documents and testimony from the Trump administration, the Judiciary panel has filed two lawsuits — one against former White House counsel Donald McGahn, who also defied a subpoena earlier this year on Trump's orders. But the lawsuits could take months to resolve and Nadler has said he wants to make a decision by the end of the year on whether to recommend articles of impeachment against Trump.

Nadler, D-N.Y., made his own views clear in an interview Monday with a New York radio station, saying that in his personal opinion "impeachment is imperative" in order to "vindicate the Constitution."

But he also acknowledged that it won't be easy, echoing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi by saying they will have to have greater consensus than they do now in order to vote on impeachment. He said the hearings will decide whether American people get there or not.

"No. 1, you don't want to tear the country apart," if the public sentiment isn't there, Nadler said. "No. 2, you need 218 votes on the House floor."

# 📤 ACROSS THE NATION

### **Mexican tycoon arrested** when boat kills son by San Francisco

TIBURON, Calif. (AP)—A member of one of Mexico's wealthiest families was arrested on manslaughter charges after his 11-year-old son died on a family boating trip in the San Francisco Bay, police said Monday. Javier A. Burillo, 57, was arrested Sunday at his multimilliondollar home in the bay front community of Belvedere on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter with a vessel, willful harm or injury to a child and operating a boat while under the influence, Tiburon Police Chief Michael Cronin said. Burillo was driving the boat with his two sons, aged 11 and 27, aboard on Sunday. Both sons fell off the boat in open waters near Angel Island, north of San Francisco, Cronin said. Investigators believe the boys were thrown overboard when the boat hit a wave, said Cronin, who declined to discuss any other details at a news conference Monday.

# **Police: DNA links Florida** man to 'serial' slayings of women

# WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.

(AP)—Three women shot in the head, each dumped a month a part—the 2006 killings scared Daytona Beach's street people so badly that they memorized suspicious men's license plate numbers and gave them to police. And then suddenly the slayings stopped. Ten years later, a prostitute's body was dumped along a road, 180 miles (290 kilometers) south in West Palm Beach. DNA and ballistics showed that Rachel Bey's strangulation and the gun deaths of Laquetta Gun-

ther, Julie Green and Iwana Patton were done by one man, but detectives couldn't identify the killer—until last week, they said Monday. Palm Beach County sheriff's investigators charged Robert Hayes, 37, with murder for Bey's death and Daytona Beach detectives said he is the prime suspect in their investigation, though he has not been charged there. Detectives also want to know what Hayes was doing between 2006 and 2016 and whether the former college criminal justice major may be responsible for more slayings.

### No new measles cases reported in fading US outbreak

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The

nation's worst measles epidemic in 27 years could be in its final stages as a week went by with no new reported cases. "To get to zero is tremendously encouraging," said Jason Schwartz, a Yale University expert on vaccination policy. The current epidemic emerged about a year ago and took off earlier this year, with most of the cases reported in Orthodox Jewish communities in and around New York City. It started with travelers who had become infected overseas but spread quickly among unvaccinated people. In the spring, 70 or more new cases were being reported every week. Not long ago, the nation that saw that many measles cases in a whole year. So far this year, 1,241 cases have been confirmed—a number that didn't rise last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Monday. The last time the CDC reported no new measles cases was 11 months ago.

# Tent courtrooms open to process migrants waiting in Mexico

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Tent U.S. courtrooms opened Monday in two Texas border cities to help process thousands of migrants who are being forced by the Trump administration to wait in Mexico while their requests for asylum wind through clogged immigration courts.

The court in Laredo opened with a judge who appeared by videoconference. Critics have denounced the proceedings because they are closed to the public and difficult for attorneys to access to provide legal representation.

One by one, the migrants stood up inside the tent and said they were afraid to be sent back to Mexico. The group included a woman from Honduras cradling her 4-year-old daughter, a Salvadoran man who said he was fleeing death threats and another man who said he was in hiding while he awaited a chance to enter the

The immigrants are part of a Trump administration policy officially called the Migrant Protection Protocols, but often known as the "Remain in Mexico" program. They spoke by video with the judge in San Antonio, where observers who wanted to watch the hearings had to go.

Judge Yvonne Gonzalez had 52 cases on her docket. On the other side of the screen, 26 people were in court in Laredo. Gonzalez could see them on a TV in her courtroom. After about 20 minutes. Gonzalez was close to ending the hearing when one man raised his hand and asked to speak. She told him to go ahead.

"I'm not under any condition to demand anything," he said through a translator. "But I would like to ask you. My family is accompanying me, and we're fearful of being in Mexico."

Gonzalez said she would address him afterward. Then a second person asked to speak and also said he was afraid. Eventually, eight people spoke.

One woman said she had to pay someone to bring her back for her hearing. Another person said she had been kidnapped and mugged.

identifying the migrants who spoke out of concern for their

Gonzalez looked to the attorneys from the U.S. government present in the courtroom and asked about Mexico's role. "Are they helping with a place to stay?"

One of the attorneys, Kevin Terrill, replied that he did not know.

The judge conferred with U.S. government attorneys, then resumed court. She had each person who feared go-

ing back to Mexico approach the front of the room so they would be close on her television screen, then told them a security guard would take them to another room in the tent so they could be screened by a different agency to determine whether they would have to go back.

Hours earlier, around 200 The Associated Press is not migrants were told to report to the bridge crossing in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, at 4:30 a.m. so they could be taken across the bridge and directly into the tent court on the other side.

A second tent court is in Brownsville. Journalists are barred from the tents, even though immigration court hearings are generally open to the public. Unlike in criminal proceedings, public defenders are not provided in immigration cases. Few migrants can afford a lawyer.

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# Asia

# N. Korea says talks with US could resume in a 'few weeks'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea said Monday that diplomatic talks with the United States could resume in a "few weeks," but that it will not consider abandoning its nuclear weapons unless external threats are fully removed.

A statement Monday attributed to a North Korean foreign ministry official said potential upcoming workinglevel talks would be decisive in determining the fate of the country's diplomacy with Washington. It called for unspecified U.S. security and economic concessions, saying the discussions of North

Korea's denuclearization will only be possible when "threats and hurdles endangering our system security and obstructing our development are clearly removed beyond all doubt."

"Whether the DPRK-U.S. negotiations will be a window for chance or an occasion to precipitate crisis is entirely up to the U.S.," the statement said, referring to North Korea by its formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Negotiations have stalled since a February summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump in Hanoi,

Vietnam, collapsed over disagreements over sanctions relief in exchange for disarmament measures.

The North has since expressed its displeasure through belligerent rhetoric and a flurry of short-range weapons tests that experts see as an attempt to dial up pressure on the U.S. and South Korea and build leverage ahead of talks.

In a meeting with senior aides on Monday, South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who lobbied hard to set up

the first meeting between Kim and Trump in June last year, said working-level negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang would resume "soon," but didn't offer specifics, including when or where.

North Korea has cut off virtually all diplomatic activity with the South amid the stalemate in nuclear negotiations while demanding that Seoul break away from Washington and restart inter-Korean economic projects

held back by U.S.-led sanctions against the North.

"Our government will serve whatever role and do whatever it can to stabilize peace on the Korean Peninsula," Moon said.

Last Monday, North Korean First Vice Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui said that the North is willing to resume nuclear diplomacy in late September but that Washington must come to the negotiating table with acceptable new proposals. She said if the proposals don't satisfy North Korea, dealings between the two countries may end.

Choe's offer for talks came hours before Kim supervised a testing-firing of what state media has described as a "super-large" multiple rocket launcher system. It was one of four new short-range weapons systems the North unveiled in recent weeks that experts say could potentially expand the country's ability to strike targets throughout South Korea, including U.S. bases there.



### S. Korea culls pigs after confirming **African swine fever** SEOUL, South Korea

(AP)—South Korea is cull-

ing thousands of pigs after confirming African swine fever at a farm near its border with North Korea, which had an outbreak in May. Kim Hyun-soo, South Korea's agricultural minister, said the country's first case of the highly contagious disease was confirmed Tuesday in tests on five pigs that died Monday evening at the farm in the city of Paju. Officials were planning to complete by Tuesday the culling of some 4,000 pigs raised at the farm and two other farms run by the same family. The government also strengthened efforts to disinfect farms and transport vehicles and ordered a 48-hour standstill on all pig farms, slaughterhouses and feed factories across the country to prevent the spread of the disease, which threatens a massive industry that involves 6,000 farms raising more than 11 million pigs. African swine fever has decimated pig herds in China and other Asian countries before reaching the Koreas. It is harmless to people but for pigs is highly contagious and fatal. There is

# Half of the 147 tigers rescued from Thai temple have died

no known cure.

**BANGKOK** (AP)—More than half the tigers rescued three years ago from a Buddhist temple in Thailand where they served as a popular tourist attraction have died of disease, wildlife officials said Monday. The tigers were vulnerable to illness because of inbreeding, leading to larvngeal paralysis causing respiratory failure, said national parks official Patarapol

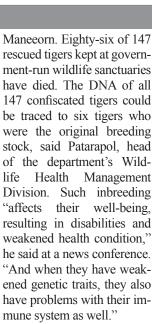
rescued tigers kept at government-run wildlife sanctuaries have died. The DNA of all 147 confiscated tigers could be traced to six tigers who were the original breeding stock, said Patarapol, head of the department's Wildlife Health Management Division. Such inbreeding "affects their well-being, resulting in disabilities and weakened health condition," he said at a news conference. "And when they have weakened genetic traits, they also have problems with their im-

### Pakistan to open border crossing for India Sikhs in November

Pakistan

KARTARPUR,

(AP)—Pakistani officials said Monday that a muchawaited visa-free border crossing for Sikh pilgrims from India will be ready by early November, allowing thousands of pilgrims to easily visit a Sikh shrine just inside Pakistan each day. The Pakistani project director, Atif Majid, told reporters at the shrine that all arrangements will be in place before Nov. 9, a rare sign of cooperation between Islamabad and New Delhi amid heightened tensions over the Kashmir region. Instead of visas, the Sikh pilgrims will be given special permits to access the shrine. Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion, settled in what is now Pakistan's Kartarpur. The shrine, known as Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, was built after he died in the 16th century. Many Sikh holy sites were left in Pakistan after the British partitioned the subcontinent into separate nations in 1947 following two centuries of colonial rule.



South Korea, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019.

Kong leader Carrie Lam said Tuesday that the government had asked international public relations firms to help restore the city's reputation, battered by months of pro-democracy protests, but was rejected.

Lam said the firms told the government that "the time is not right" as the violence and unrest in the semiautonomous Chinese territory showed no signs of ending. She didn't give details on the firms or when they were approached.

The city's reputation was likely tarnished not just by the protests but by what many viewed as the government's slow response to the crisis.

Days after more than a million people took to the streets in early June, kicking off the protests, Lam suspended an extradition bill that sparked the unrest but refused to formally withdraw it. She caved in this month after the demonstrations escalated, but the promise to ax the bill was deemed too little, too late as protesters widened their demands to include democratic reforms.

"It would perhaps be not the most cost-effective way to use government resources to launch any campaign to rebuild Hong Kong's reputation, but sooner or later, we will have to do it because I have every confidence in Hong Kong's fundamentals," Lam told a news conference Tuesday.

"The time will come for us to launch a major campaign to restore some of the damage done to Hong Kong's reputation," she said.

Hong Kong's economy, already reeling from the U.S.-China trade war, is facing its first recession in years, with tourist arrivals plunging and businesses being hit by the unrest. Violence flared again approved march downtown descended into familiar chaos.

Lam said the city's downgrade this week by credit ratings agency Moody's was "disappointing" but acknowledged that the continued instability has tarnished international perception of Hong Kong's financial stability. Moody's was the second agency to make the move after Fitch Rating.

Lam said that she will begin open dialogues next week with various community groups, including protesters, and that participants can freely express their views.

Many protesters have said the dialogues are meaningless if the government refuses to accept their four other demands — direct elections for the city's leaders, an independent inquiry into alleged police brutality, unconditional

release of protesters who have been detained and not labeling the protests as riots.

Lam said not all Hong Kong citizens support the protesters' demands and reiterated that the government cannot condone violence. She said the dialogues are not one-off "gimmicks" but an important first step to resolve grievances over problems such as shortage of affordable housing and lack of jobs that contributed to the unrest.

Also, a subway train derailed during Tuesday morning rush hour, sparking rumors that it may have been caused by protesters, some of whom have vandalized subway stations in recent weeks. Transport Secretary Frank Chan urged the public not to speculate as investigations are ongoing. The fire department said eight people were injured, with five of them hospitalized.



Ribbons written with messages wishing for the reunification of the two Koreas are hang on a wire fence at the Imjingak Pavilion in Paju,

### Lam says PR firms declined to help restore HK's image HONG KONG (AP)—Hong over the weekend after an un-

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# World

# Split emerges in Venezuela opposition over talks with govt

(AP)—A minority group of opposition parties in Venezuela agreed Monday to enter negotiations with President Nicolas Maduro's government without the participation of U.S.-backed opposition leader Juan Guaidó, eroding his efforts to hold together a coalition to confront the socialist administration.

The agreement was signed by representatives of several opposition parties alongside Maduro's top aides in a nationally televised event attended by foreign diplomats.

It marks the first significant split in the anti-Maduro camp since Guaidó, as head of the opposition-controlled congress, declared himself interim president in January, citing what was seen as Maduro's fraudulent re-election last year. Guaidó quickly drew recognition from the U.S. and more than 50 nations.

"Everyone who wants to join and sign this agreement is welcome," Maduro said later Monday. "The starting point is to accept our difference and seek peace."

Lawmaker Timoteo Zambrano, an opposition lawmaker who signed the agreement, was critical of the efforts led by the larger anti-Maduro parties. He didn't directly mention Guaidó.

Zambrano said he and the others seek to recover time lost due to the "ambition of some and the mistakes of us all." He urged support from the international community.



"We ask the governments of the region and the world to listen, value and support this path," Zambrano said.

The talks will focus on reforming Venezuela's electoral board as well as finding a solution to the impasse caused by the creation of a pro-government constitutional assembly to rival the opposition-controlled congress.

At least four opposition leaders appeared on state TV to sign the agreement launching the negotiations, though they

represent less than one-tenth of seats in the National Assembly. They wield far less power than parties like Guaidó's Popular Will, experts said.

Guaidó appeared at a separate event Monday, saying he considered the announcement of sideline negotiations with the minority opposition parties a "maneuver" that Maduro's government has employed before to split the opposition.

"We already know what the conclusion was," Guaidó told

The Associated Press, noting that those attempts failed to reach solutions.

Guaidó a day earlier said that negotiations with the government brokered by Norway had been exhausted, saying Maduro and his allies "have blocked a political solution" to the crisis by "refusing to discuss and agree on a sensible proposal." Until recently, the talks held on the Caribbean island of Barbados had been seen as the best chance at resolving

# US urges transparency in

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)—Tanzanian authorities must show transparency in the case of a patient who recently died after suffering Ebola-like symptoms, the U.S. health and human services secretary said Monday.

Alex Azar, speaking in Uganda, told reporters that he and others are "very concerned" and urged Tanzania's government to share laboratory results regarding the case. The Ebola outbreak in neighboring Congo has become the second-deadliest in history, with confirmed cases now exceeding 3,000.

Azar said efforts were underway to secure Tanzania's compliance with international health regulations and obligations to the World Health Organization "to protect Tanzanians as well as all people in the region."

Tanzania's government said Saturday there is no confirmed case of Ebola in the East African nation. No confirmed Ebola case has ever been recorded there.

WHO in a statement last week noted a rumor regarding a death in Tanzania from an unknown illness and said it was sending a technical team to investigate "as a matter of urgency."

According to an internal WHO document seen by The Associated Press, the patient,

Ebola-like death in Tanzania

KAMPALA, Uganda a 34-year-old woman, died on Sept. 8 and was buried that day. It was not clear

where she died.

Venezuela's opposition leader

President of Venezuela, Juan

Guaidó, talks with a supporter

on the sidelines of a meeting

at the administrative headquarters of the National Assembly in

Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday,

Venezuela's crisis. Leaders in

Oslo, however, said they left

Despite Guaidó's brave face,

some in the opposition ac-

knowledged that by absorbing

the attention the new dialogue

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both inside and outside Venezu-

ela to secure Maduro's removal.

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Latin America think tank, said

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negotiations such as those in

Barbados. Maduro will be able

to claim he's made meaningful

concessions, while doing the

Geoff Ramsey, a researcher

open the possibility of talks.

Sept. 3, 2019.

self-proclaimed interim

The document says the victim most recently was a student in central Uganda, where she visited health facilities on a research mission, before returning to Tanzania on Aug. 22.

No case of Ebola has been reported in Uganda's central region.

"This mysterious disease has to be investigated and samples have to be tested. We couldn't rule out any of the viral hemorrhagic fevers and the investigation will continue," Dr. Yonas Woldemariam, the WHO representative in Uganda, said Monday.

The Ebola outbreak in eastern Congo, which was declared over a year ago, has killed nearly 2,000 people. Health workers have been challenged by community mistrust and insecurity caused by years of rebel attacks.

Cases of Ebola patients crossing borders during this outbreak have been rare.

In June, a family of Congolese with sick family members crossed into Uganda via a bush path. Two died of Ebola inside Uganda. And in August, a Congolese girl tested positive for Ebola and later died in Uganda after traveling from Congo.

# On vote eve, Netanyahu vows total West Bank settlement annex

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed Monday to annex "all the settlements" in the West Bank, including an enclave deep in the heart of the largest Palestinian city, in a last-ditch move that appeared aimed at shoring up nationalist support the day before a doover election.

Locked in a razor tight race and with legal woes hanging over him, Netanyahu is fighting for his political survival. In the final weeks of his campaign he has been doling out hardline promises meant to draw more voters to his Likud party and re-elect him in Tuesday's unprecedented repeat vote.

"I intend to extend sovereignty on all the settlements and the (settlement) blocs," including "sites that have security importance or are important to Israel's heritage," Netanyahu said in an interview with Israeli Army Radio, part of an eleventh-hour media blitz.

Asked if that included the hundreds of Jews who live under heavy military guard amid tens of thousands of Palestinians in the volatile city of Hebron, Netanyahu responded "of course."

Israelis head to the polls Tuesday in the second election this year, after Netanyahu failed to cobble together a coalition following April's vote, sparking the dissolution of parliament.

Netanyahu has made a series of ambitious pledges in a bid to whip up support, including a promise to annex the Jordan Valley, an area even moderate Israelis view as strategic but which the Palestinians consider the breadbasket of any future state.

To protest that announcement, the Palestinian Authority held a Cabinet meeting in the Jordan Valley village of Fasayil on Monday, a day after Israel's Cabinet met elsewhere in the valley.

"The Jordan Valley is part of Palestinian lands and any settlement or annexation is illegal," Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh said at the start of the meeting. "We will sue Israel in international courts for exploiting our land and we will continue our struggle against the occupation on the ground and in international forums."

Critics contend that Netanyahu's pledges, if carried out, would enflame the Middle East and eliminate any remaining Palestinian hope of establishing a separate state. His political rivals have dismissed his talk of annexation as an election ploy noting that he has refrained from annexing any territory during his more than a decade in power.

Jordanian Foreign Minister Sufian al-Qudah condemned Netanyahu's statement, saying such a move would "eliminate the remaining chances for peace" and fuel conflict.

Israel captured the West Bank and east Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 war.

Over 2.5 million Palestinians now live in occupied territories, in addition to nearly 700,000 Jewish settlers. Israel already has annexed east Jerusalem in a move that

is not internationally recognized. The international community, along with the Palestinians, overwhelmingly considers Israeli settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem illegal.

Late Monday, Netanyahu visited Jerusalem's Western Wall, the holiest place where Jews can worship, in a last-ditch appeal to religious nationalist supporters. In a Facebook video, he said the site "gives us the strength to continue and make a glorious country."

Tuesday's vote will largely be a referendum on Netanyahu, who this year surpassed Israel's founding prime minister as the country's longestserving leader.

He has cast himself as the only candidate capable of facing Israel's myriad challenges. But his opponents say his legal troubles—including a recommendation by the attorney general to indict him on bribery, fraud and breach of trust charges—loom too large for him to carry on.

# Good Housekeeping

**On Gardening** 

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ears of preparation for the Fall Flower & Garden Fest, Mississippi State University's huge horticultural event in Crystal Springs, Miss., taught me the value of pinching and cutting back herbaceous plant material.

We would always count back 6 to 7 weeks before the event and usually cut plants including roses back by at least 50%. Invariably many of the 6,000 plus visitors would catch me and ask how in the world we kept the flowers blooming all summer until the first fall freeze.

As I have gotten older, I've become either soft or more-timid, when it comes to cutting back hard. My Son James the Color Design Guru has taken up the mantle of being the 'Attila the Hun' of cutting plants



These planters look full June 5 but cutting back, feeding and maintaining moisture results in a dazzling September display.

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# Cutting your plants back is really a pinch of love

back. He shows no mercy and will cut back whenever he doesn't like the size, appearance, or perhaps has a pest attacking that he wants to remove from the planting area.

Consequently, he has Superbells calibrachoa, Supertunia petunias, and Superbena verbenas rocking as we head toward mid-September and find ourselves praying for a Polar Vortex.

This column goes all over the nation so pinching back or pruning may not apply to your area at this time, but it was 6 weeks ago. Typically, we get busy with little league, soccer, back to school, and football and forget to give a pinch of love to those blooms developing.



Verbenas and lantanas are two summer tough plants that bloom on new growth and reward the gardeners that cut or pinches back to stimulate growth.

A pinch of love is exactly that, pinching, pruning, or clipping, all terms we often use to describe deadheading. Sometimes our perennials and even shrubs are a lot like parents; they divert energy into taking care of offspring, in this case, unwanted seeds.

I've mentioned several flowers above but consider also those that are spiky like salvias. These are the flowers we all need in the garden; they rise above the imaginary horizontal plane and create excitement in the landscape. When the flower is finished it not only looks worn and tacky but many go into seed production mode. By deadheading spent flowers, we will make sure the hum-



These planters with Superbells calibrahoas, Supertunia petunias and and Superbena verbenas are full and lush September 9 but have been continually fed, irrigated, and pinched back.



These planters look full June 5 but cutting back, feeding and maintaining moisture results in a dazzling September display.

mingbirds stay the entire season. Son James cuts them back extremely hard in preparation for fall.

Lantana, the butterfly champions of the garden, also appreciates cutting back. Whether you use them as perennials in the South or annuals in the North they are the workhorses of the summer garden. Sometimes, they too, just get tired, hot and go into a down cycle and cutting hard will revitalize growth and an uncountable number of blooms as we head to fall.

The Garden Guy has a half dozen varieties of Echinacea or coneflowers that have been blooming all summer but looked like they needed a boost. So, I cut them back to good foliage

gave them a shot of controlled-release fertilizer and they are budding up for a great fall bloom and peak butterfly season.

You might think fertilizer and water alone are enough to keep new growth and blooms going continuously, but most often it's not. Cutting back by at least a third to fresh green leaves and giving a little slow-release fertilizer and supplemental water will trigger new growth and more blooms for late summer and fall.

It is a pinch of love, sometimes done by hand, other times with a pair of shears. The result is the flower garden of your dreams being enjoyed not only by you but by visiting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds too.



Try freshening up old clay pots with paint, mosaics, stucco, gluing items like shells or buttons, etc. It can make mismatched pots look more uniform and give your garden or patio fresh color, without the cost of replacing all your pots. First, inspect the pots you intend to refinish for any cracks, damage, mold and mildew. Then you will need to clean and repair them. Sand the surface lightly, then begin your refinishing process.

When you have finished, you should seal it with a clear water-proof finish.

— B. Weaver

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# Life & Style

# The New York Times faces questions over Kavanaugh story

etween an offensive tweet and a significant revision, The New York Times' handling of a new sexual misconduct allegation against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh attracted almost as much attention as the accusation itself.

The story also gave President Donald Trump and his allies fresh ammunition in his campaign against the media, where the Times was already a favorite target.

The revelation that led several Democratic presidential contenders to call for Kavanaugh's impeachment came in the 11th paragraph of a story labeled "news analysis" that ran in the Sunday opinion section. The story is based on an upcoming book by Times reporters Robin Pogrebin and Kate Kelly, "The Education of Brett Kavanaugh: An Investigation," about the junior justice's brutal confirmation battle last year.

Headlined "Brett Kavanaugh Fit In With the Privileged Kids. She Did Not," the story was primarily about Deborah Ramirez, a Connecticut woman who alleged that Kavanaugh, as a freshman at Yale in 1983, had pulled down his pants and thrust his penis at her. Kavanaugh has denied those claims.

Yet the authors said they'd uncovered a similar story involving Kavanaugh at another freshman-year party, where he allegedly exposed himself and friends pushed his penis into the hands of a female student. The story said former classmate Max Stier reported the incident to the FBI and senators as Kavanaugh's nomination was being discussed, but the story said Stier would not discuss it with the authors. Kavanaugh would not comment on the story, a court spokeswoman said Monday.

After the story was posted online but before it was in the print edition, the Times revised the story to add that the book reported that the woman supposedly involved in the incident declined to be interviewed, and that her friends say she doesn't recall the incident. While an editor's

note pointed out the revision, it did not say why those facts had been left out in the first place. A Times spokeswoman said no one was available for an interview on Monday.

The Times' deputy editorial page editor, James Dao, posted answers to readers' question on the newspaper's website Monday evening but did not address this issue.

The failure to initially report that the woman did not remember the alleged incident "is one of the worst cases of journalistic malpractice in recent memory," John McCormack wrote in the conservative magazine National Review.

The Washington Post, detailing its own decision on the story, called into question the Times' decision to run with the accusation in the first place.

The Post said that last year it had independently confirmed that lawmakers and authorities knew of the

> second accusation against Kavanaugh, but did not write about it because the woman involved would not comment and the alleged witnesses were not identified.

The book's authors wrote that they had corroborated

the second misconduct allegation with two officials who said they had communicated with Stier. The newspaper did not identify them.

"Based on the corroboration, we felt mentioning the claim as one part of a broader essay was warranted," Dao wrote.

Placement of the accusation in the midst of an opinion-section piece struck many in the journalism community as odd.

"How is this not a front-page story?" wrote Tom Jones of the journalism think tank the Poynter Institute.

In a statement, the Times said the opinion section frequently runs excerpts of books produced by the newspaper's reporters. The new accusations were uncovered during the authors' reporting process for the book, which is why they had not appeared in the newspaper before.

Still, this doesn't explain why the new accusations weren't pointed out to editors and given more prominence in news pages. Todd Gitlin, a Columbia University journalism professor, suggested bureaucratic inertia might partly explain itsince it had been determined that the piece would run in the opinion section, no one stepped forward to question that.

"There have been a number of decisions on this that strike me as dubious," Gitlin said in an interview. (AP)

# 'SNL' rescinds cast invitation to Gillis over YouTube video

**NEW YORK** (AP)—"Saturday Night Live" has rescinded its invitation to a cast member who posted a video last year in which he used a racial slur for Chinese people and derided Asians trying to learn English.

A show representative said Monday that the language Shane Gillis used was "offensive, hurtful and unacceptable," and the show was not aware of the past remarks that have drawn criticism.

"Saturday Night Live" apologized, saying it's vetting process "was not up to our standard."

In a tweet, Gillis said he respected the show's decision and is "honestly grateful for the opportunity." He said he had hoped to have the opportunity to prove himself, but "I understand it would be too much of a distraction." He ended with a slight swipe at the show, mentioning that he was always a "Mad TV" guy anyway.

In the clip of video apparently posted in 2018, Gillis refers to an unidentified city's Chinatown as being "nuts" and used a derogatory word for Chinese people. He also complained about "hearing an Asian trying to learn English."

The "Saturday Night Live" representative said the show hired Gillis "on the strength of his talent as a

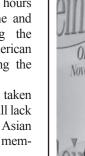
comedian and his impressive audition for SNL."

The clip of Gillis reemerged last week just hours after NBC said that he and two others, including the show's only Asian American performer, were joining the cast as featured players.

"Saturday Night Live" has taken heat over the years for an overall lack of ethnic diversity, with scant Asian representation among its cast mem-

bers or hosts.

Former players Fred Armisen and Rob Schneider both are one-quarter Asian, but neither has been widely recognized for their Asian ancestry. Among hosts, the long history of "SNL" includes a short list of Asian or Asian Americans, with Awkwafina, Aziz Ansari and Jackie Chan



# among them.

Rwandan gospel singer comes out as gay, to country's shock KIGALI, Rwanda (AP)—Friends mosexuality is still widely despised, of Albert Nabonibo, a well-known gospel singer in Rwanda who recently came out as a gay man, do not want their names revealed. It is too shameful, one says. Another says he is anguished because his family knows he often used to socialize with Nabonibo.

The singer shocked many Rwandans in August when he revealed in an interview with a Christian YouTube channel that he is gay in a country where such a public assertion of homosexuality is unheard of. Although the central African nation has been relatively free of the anti-gay rhetoric commonly heard in some other parts of sub-Saharan Africa, hoand LGBT people keep a low profile.

Nabonibo told The Associated Press that he came out in order to live normally. Yet the reaction he has received, from family and friends to strangers, has been mostly "horrible," underscoring the intolerance faced by LGBT people in many parts of Africa.

"But there is no going back, because I have to live my real life," Nabonibo said in an interview in the capital, Kigali. "It's so sad to see people you know abusing you."

Nabonibo, who is 35 and also a qualified accountant, said he had become an outcast at his workplace as friends isolate him. He is worried he could lose his job.



In this Nov. 17, 2004, file photo Jerry Seinfeld, left, Julia Louis Dreyfus and Michael Richards arrive to celebrate the release of the first three seasons of Seinfeld on DVD in New York.

# Netflix to air 'Seinfeld' starting in 2021

LOS GATOS, Calif. (AP)—Move aside, "Friends" and "The Office." Netflix now has a new gem—a show about nothing.

episodes of "Seinfeld" in 2021, gaining a hugely popular addition to its library as the battle for viewers heats up.

Netflix Inc., which pioneered the binge-watching culture of streaming, was dealt a double blow this summer when it lost "The Office" and "Friends," two of its most popular shows, as their respective owners pulled them to add to their own streaming services.

"The Office" will leave at the end of 2020 to join NBCUniversal's new streaming service, and "Friends" will leave at the beginning of 2020 to join the upcoming HBO Max service.

It's a battle not likely to wane as the streaming TV space grows more The company announced Mon-crowded. Netflix has created sigday it would start streaming all 180 nificant momentum with its original shows, but new competitors are constantly popping up, including streaming arrivals from Apple and Disney.

Still, Netflix has a head start in the online space, with its deep library of past and new shows. It struck the five-year deal with Sony Pictures Television for the global streaming rights to "Seinfeld," the Emmy-winning television comedy which aired its final episode in 1998. Terms were not released.

The Los Angeles Times reported Netflix paid well above the speculated \$500 million NBCUniversal

paid to retake "The Office," and the reported \$130 million Hulu parent Walt Disney Co. paid for "Seinfeld." Both of those deals are for U.S. streaming only-Netflix has bought the global rights to show "Seinfeld"

"Seinfeld is the television comedy that all television comedy is measured against," Netflix Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos said in a statement.

Netflix noted it is still focused on producing its own shows-but it can't ignore the demand for rewatching old hits. The company spent \$12 billion on original and non-original programming last year.

Jerry Seinfeld's show "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee" and his standup special "Jerry Before Seinfeld" are already distributed by Netflix.

# Brad Pitt asks astronaut: Who was better? Clooney or me?

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Brad Pitt, star of the new space movie "Ad Astra," had a burning question for a real-life astronaut.

"Who was more believable? Clooney or Pitt?"

In a televised call Monday, NASA astronaut Nick Hague answered Pitt-"absolutely"—getting a big laugh. Pitt's Hollywood pal George Clooney starred in the 2013 space film "Gravity."

Hague and the rest of the International Space Station crew previewed "Ad Astra" a few weeks ago. The movie opens Friday down here.

# Ocasek's wife says he died while recuperating from surgery

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York City medical examiner says Ric Ocasek, the 75-year-old frontman for The Cars, died of heart disease, worsened by emphysema.

Ocasek's wife, model and actress Paulina Porizkova, posted a statement on Instagram, saying he was "recuperating very well after surgery" and that their two sons were making sure he was comfortable. Porizkova did not say what type of surgery Ocasek was recovering from.

She says she went to bring him his Sunday morning coffee and "realized that during the night he had peacefully passed on."

The Cars chart-topping hits in the late 1970s and 1980s included "Just What I Needed," "Shake It Up" and "Drive." The band was inducted last year into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Porizkova announced the couple's separation last year.

Pitt portrays an astronaut who travels through the solar system to find his father. The film includes actual NASA shots of the moon and Mars.

"How'd we do? How was our zero-G?" Pitt asked from NASA headquarters in Washington.

"I got to tell you, it was really good," said Hague, six months into his own 6 ½-month mission. "The depictions, the settings all as you can tell look very similar to the type of setting I've got around me. I got to imagine it was a lot easier for me to kind of enjoy the zero-G than it was you," he added, flipping



in weightlessness.

Pitt noted the movie's

spaceship was "a bit cleaner" than the station. After ask-

ing about spacewalking and seeing Earth from space, Pitt

said, "Most important question: Who controls the jam box?" Answer: The astronauts take turns. With three Americans, two Russians and an Italian on board, the music

In this image taken from NASA

video actor Brad Pitt, left, star

of the new space movie "Ad As-

tra." speaks from NASA head-

quarters in Washington, to as-

tronaut Nick Hague abroad the

International Space Station, on

Monday, Sept. 16, 2019.

Hague said. The 20-minute chat ended with Pitt sharing, "I can't wait to brag to my kids."

has an "international flair,"

# Kanve West brings Sunday Service to Georgia

LITHONIA, Ga. (AP)— Rapper Kanye West brought his collection of choir singers and musicians to an Atlantaarea megachurch for his religious popup performance called "Sunday Service."

News outlets report West visited New Birth Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday drawing a large group of parishioners and celebrities including rappers T.I. and 2 Chainz.

The rapper's wife, Kim Kardashian West, on the ABC daytime show "The View"

said West's "Sunday Services" is a musical ministry and Christian service that discusses Jesus and God.

The church's Instagram stories show West performing "Father Stretch my Hands," and a gospel set to the tune of Ginuwine's "So Anxious."

West's popup group has made various appearances on Sundays since January including a stop in Dayton, Ohio at a benefit event supporting the community affected by the mass shooting.

# Celebs to read bedtime story to help fight homelessness

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Will Smith and Dame Helen Mirren will read a bedtime story during a one-night fundraising event to help fight global homelessness.

Smith and Mirren will each tell their story from different locations during the World's Big Sleep Out on Dec. 7. The campaign will encourage people in 50 cities globally to sleep outside for a night in hopes of raising \$50 million for the charity.

Smith's reading will take place in Times Square in New York City. Mirren will appear in Trafalgar Square in London.

Each location is expected to feature live performances. The sleep out will also be held in other major cities including Chicago, Amsterdam, Madrid and Los Angeles.

All the proceeds raised will go toward registered charities helping homeless and displaced people.

# Young people's longlist announced for National Book Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Laurie Halse Anderson, Jason Revnolds and Kwame Alexander are among the 10 authors on the young people's literature longlist for the National Book Awards.

The wide-ranging list, which includes graphic fiction, historical narratives and stories in verse, was announced Monday by the National Book Foundation, which presents the awards. Longlists for translations, poetry, nonfiction and fiction will be unveiled over the following four days

Anderson, best known for the million-selling "Speak." was cited for "Shout," a poetic memoir about surviving sexual assault. Alexander also used verse for "The Undefeated," illustrated by Kadir Nelson and billed as a "love letter to black life in the United States." Reynolds was nominated for "Look Both Ways," 10 stories connected around what happens after school ends for the day.

# Hurt Christie Brinkley pulls out of 'Dancing with the Stars'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Christie Brinkley has been sidelined for Monday's season premiere of "Dancing with the Stars."

ABC said in a statement that Brinkley is unable to continue this season following surgery to her wrist and arm. No details of her injury were given.

Sailor Brinkley-Cook will replace her mother on the show. Brinkley-Cook is a model who has appeared in Sports Illustrated.

Celebrities competing in season 28 include Hannah Brown of "The Bachelorette," former White House press secretary Sean Spicer, Lauren Alaina, Ally Brooke, Mary Wilson and athletes Lamar Odom and Ray Lewis. Kate Flannery, Karamo Brown, Kel

Beek are also competing.

Spicer's selection raised eyebrows. He quit as press

Mitchell and James Van Der secretary six months into President Donald Trump's term and had a contentious relationship with the press.



In this Sept. 4, 2013 file photo, Christie Brinkley and her daughter Sailor Brinkley Cook arrive at the 2013 Style Awards in New York.

# Moving to a new community brings out social insecurities

EAR ABBY: My husband and I are moving to a retirement community where we won't know a soul. I hate leaving our friends and the relationships we have formed here. I have never been especially outgoing or good at making small talk, but I know I will have to to fit in.

I believe you have written something for people who have this challenge. Can I get a copy? What are some tips on how to get started? We're relocating soon.

FACING IT HEAD ON

DEAR FACING IT: You and your husband are opening an exciting new chapter in your lives. Managing it successfully will depend upon your attitude, so think positive. Please understand that the majority of people have the same insecurities you do. Not everyone is born socially adept. It is a skill that can be learned and polished with practice.

Everyone wants to be the kind of person others find interesting, attractive and worth knowing. The key to being well-liked by both sexes is: Be kind. Be honest. Be tactful. Don't be afraid to offer someone a compliment if it's deserved. Be well-groomed, tastefully dressed and conscious of your posture. Confident individuals stand tall. You do

not have to be the smartest person in the room. Ask others what they think and encourage them to share their opinions. My booklet "How To Be Popular" contains many useful tips for polishing social skills for people of all ages. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Remember, part of fitting in is showing an interest in and an appreciation of others. Be a good listener and people will think you're a genius. Good conversationalists are interested in what others have to say rather than feel pressured to fill the air with the sound of their own voices. It isn't necessary to be an authority on every subject. Keep in mind that most people can concentrate on only one thing at a time. Forget about yourself and your own insecurities and concentrate on the OTHER person. If you try it, you will find that it works.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been divorced for nine years. I take responsibility for the end of my marriage. I fell in love with another man. Although I never intended to divorce, my husband

# DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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discovered my affair and divorced me.

I am now in a new relationship with a man I adore. Should I tell him the reason my marriage ended? My ex died in 2017, so the only other person who knows why we divorced is no longer alive.

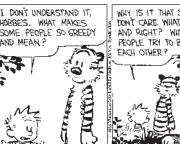
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DEAR TRUTH: Excuse me. Someone else does know the person with whom you had the affair. If you are asked why you and your ex divorced, answer the question honestly. If you aren't asked, keep your past where it belongs—in the past.

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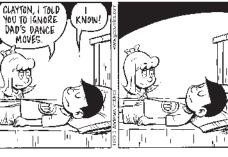






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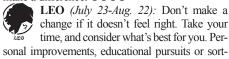
Happy Birthday: Change begins when you recognize there is a problem and you want to make improvements. The time is right to assess your situation and to lay out a plan that will satisfy your needs. A savings plan, move, vocational pursuit or personal adjustment geared toward being your best will encourage positive results. Be honest and take action. Your numbers are 4, 16, 20, 26, 35, 37, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be faced with pros and cons for a decision you need to make regarding partnerships and professional moves. Being practical will be less stressful, but a chance to live your dream will entice you. Be open to suggestions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make decisions based on your intuition. Speak from the heart, and share your thoughts and plans with those who will be affected by the choices you make. The input you receive will help you do what's best for everyone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make today all about you, the youngsters in your life or your lover. Make your feelings known and what you want to do clear. An open and honest discussion will ward off hurt feelings and allow others the opportunity to offer suggestions. OOO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The changes you make should also benefit those who have the most significant impact on your life. Lending a helping hand, improving your living conditions or surroundings, or offering solutions that will ease stress will make a difference.



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what's going on in your life, and reach out to someone you feel can help you make positive adjustments. Simplifying your living arrangements or making physical changes that will improve your health and lifestyle are em-

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Turn your dream into a reality. It's up to you to take charge and make things happen. With a little ingenuity and physical input, you can achieve what you set out to do. Do your research, take care of details and be persistent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Less arguing will leave more time to accomplish things. Focus on your responsibilities and doing the best job possible. It's how you per-

form that will help you gain respect and the confidence of those who can help you advance.

**EUGENIA** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't make a

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As long as you don't let your ego or someone's emotional manipulation interfere with what you are trying to accomplish, you will reach your goal. A positive change at home will help you reset your priorities and objectives. QQQQQ

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care of business, and don't worry about what others do. Be responsible for your work, and refuse to get involved in someone

else's drama. Personal improvements are encouraged and will boost your confidence. Romance is featured. OO PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be

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Help painters, paperhangers, plasterers, or stucco masons by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Clean work areas and equipment. Perform support duties to assist painters, paperhangers, plasterers, or masons. Apply protective overings, such as masking tape, to articles or areas that could be damaged or stained by work processes. Erect scaffolding. Fill cracks or breaks in surfaces of plaster articles or areas with putty or epoxy compounds.

### DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: High school Graduate

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DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: Associate Degree in Engineering is required. At least 24 months experience is required

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DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

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DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Associates Graduate;
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- DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

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   At least 12 months experience
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# Beckham puts on show, Browns top Jets



FORD, N.J. (AP)— Odell Beckham Jr. felt right at home again—in the end zone and on the

highlight reels.

With an 89-yard touchdown catch and a spectacular one-handed grab in his return to MetLife Stadium, the Browns wide receiver helped lift Cleveland past the short-handed and banged-up New York Jets 23-3 on Monday night.

"We got the ball in (No.) 13's hands," Browns wide receiver Jarvis Landry said, "and let him go."

Beckham, traded from the Giants in March, helped the Browns (1-1) bounce back from a 30-point loss to Tennessee in their opener to top the Jets (0-2) and give Freddie Kitchens his first win as Cleveland's coach.

It all came after Beckham called out Jets defensive coordinator Gregg Williams last Thursday, saying the coach—then with the Browns-instructed players to hurt him in a preseason game in 2017. Williams denied Beckham's accusations and jokingly asked reporters: "Odell who?"

Williams, who led the Browns to a 5-3 record as their interim coach last season, also chided reporters for giving Beckham attention and wouldn't call him one of the NFL's most dvnamic players.

"Everything fuels me," Beckham said. "Good comments, bad comments, I feel all of that. I just want to be the very best that I can and be the leader I am supposed to be."

Well, Williams clearly knows who Beckham is now. The coach was seen shouting angrily on the sideline after Beckham's touchdown.

"Who?" Beckham said when asked about Williams' comments. "No, everybody has the right to their own opinion. He's a phenomenal coach, he's got a great defense, but



Cleveland Browns' Odell Beckham (13) catches a pass in front of New York Jets' Nate Hairston (21) during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Sept. 16, 2019, in East Rutherford, N.J.

I'm done talking about it, you know? We won, so I just tried to make plays to help the team."

Beckham finished with six catches for 161 yards and the TD from Baker Mayfield, who couldn't believe Williams' comments.

"He said that? Jesus," the Browns quarterback said, shaking his head. "Next question. Not a dynamic football player? OK."

New York lost quarterback Trevor Siemian to an ankle injury in the second quarter, and Luke Falk-promoted from the practice squad earlier in the day—played the rest of the game. Siemian was starting in place of Sam Darnold, who's sidelined for at least a few weeks while recovering from mononucleosis.

"Yeah, it's been a weird week," Falk said. "A week ago, I was on the practice squad and then tonight I'm standing in front of you guys after playing in a game."

The Jets couldn't get anything going on offense, and the Browns blew open the game late in the third quarter.

Falk led the Jets on their longest

drive of night to that point-60 yards—but Le'Veon Bell could only get 1 yard on a fourth-and-2 pass, turning the ball over on downs at the Browns 11

On the next play, Mayfield hit Beckham with a slant pass, and the receiver outran the Jets' defenders all the way to the end zone for an 89-yard TD that put Cleveland up 23-3 with 3:32 remaining in the third quarter.

"That did it and that was huge for us," said running back Nick Chubb, who had a 19-yard TD run. "We took all the momentum away from them with that long run. After that, it was our game to lose."

Beckham helped the Browns take a 3-0 lead on their first possession on Austin Seibert's 23-yard field goal a drive highlighted by a spectacular 33-yard, one-handed grab that got Cleveland down to the Jets 4.

It was reminiscent of Beckham's highlight-reel, one-handed reception for the Giants on "Sunday Night Football" as a rookie in 2014. On this one, Mayfield found Beckham down the right sideline, and the receiver stuck out his right hand to snare the ball behind Nate Hairston, starting in place of Trumaine Johnson—in nearly the same spot as his big catch five years ago.

And, yes, Beckham was wearing his expensive watch—despite the NFL telling him last week not to.

Beckham then had to come out of the game briefly because officials made him change his mirrored visor, saying it was reflective. He returned with a clear visor on his helmet.

Seibert's 48-yarder gave the Browns a 6-0 lead with 6:15 left in the opening quarter as Cleveland outgained New York 101-4 in the first quarter.

"We've got to take a hard look at this and figure out what's going on," Jets coach Adam Gase said.

DAVIE, Fla. (AP)—Miami Minkah Fitzpatrick got his wish and was traded Monday night to the Pittsburgh Steelers for a first-round draft pick in 2020, two people familiar with the negotiations said.

The people confirmed the deal to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the teams hadn't announced it. The teams will also swap late-round picks.

Fitzpatrick was displeased about his role with the Dolphins. He requested and received permission to seek a trade before playing free safety for Miami in Sunday's 43-0 loss to New England, when he had six tackles and a fumble recovery.

The rebuilding Dolphins (0-2), who have purged their roster to accumulate draft picks, now have three first-round choices in 2020. While putting a priority on the future, they've been outscored 102-10 in their first two games.

# Dolphins defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick got his Minkah Fitzpatrick got his

The Steelers (0-2) can use Fitzpatrick's help. In two games they've allowed 640 yards through the air and six touchdown passes. They're also reeling from the loss of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to an elbow injury.

Fitzpatrick was the 11th overall pick in the 2018 draft, but quickly became unhappy after Brian Flores took over as Miami's coach this year.

When the Dolphins put Fitzpatrick at strong safety during training camp, his mother, Melissa, complained on Twitter that he was being asked to play out of position. He said she wasn't wrong.

The situation came to a head following a seasonopening 59-10 loss to the Baltimore Ravens, when Fitzpatrick struggled and the Dolphins tied a team record by allowing six touchdown passes in the most lopsided defeat in franchise history.

Fitzpatrick divided his time among safety, linebacker and nickel cornerback in the opener.

# **Ultimate test**

Dealt the news they'll lose Roethlisberger for the remainder of the season while he is set to undergo elbow surgery, the Pittsburgh Steelers now must turn to their future sooner than they would have liked.

Mason Rudolph now takes over as the starter, and Pittsburgh's coaches must help the second-year pro find comfort within the offense in a hurry. The Steelers find themselves in an 0-2 hole after a 28-26 loss to the Seattle Seahawks. while division rival Baltimore has jumped out to a 2-0 start.

Pressed into duty on Sunday when Roethlisberger's elbow injury prevented him from playing in the second half, Rudolph held his own. In fact, he offered a degree of optimism as he completed 12 of 19 passes for 112 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

But now things will change. This week's opponent, the San Francisco 49ers, will have ample time to dissect Sunday's performance in an attempt to pinpoint Rudolph's weakness- the New England Patriots. es while also trying to exploit his lack of experience.

Steelers offensive coordinator Randy Fichtner must compose a game plan that positions Rudolph for success while maximizing his strengths and masking as many of his deficiencies as possible.

Meanwhile, an even greater burden falls on the shoulders of Mike Tomlin. Already under heavy scrutiny because of last season's fallout with Le'Veon Bell and Antonio

Brown, Tomlin has faced the task of getting everyone back on track after dysfunction and contract disputes derailed his team and prevented him from reaching the playoffs for only the fourth time in 12 years.

# **Brown's status** in question

Brown had a stellar debut with

Whether he will have an opportunity for a repeat performance this week will be up to the NFL.

Brown led the Patriots with four catches for 56 yards and a touchdown during New England's 43-0 win over of the Miami Dolphins on Sunday.

Now as the Patriots prepare to host the New York Jets this week, Brown and the team must again wait and see if looming sexual assault and rape allegations against him

will make him subject to discipline under the NFL's personal conduct policy.

On Monday, the NFL declined to comment on when it was meeting with Britney Taylor, a former trainer of Brown who filed a civil lawsuit in Florida last week alleging he sexually assaulted her on three occasions between 2017 and 2018. But the league told the Patriots last week that it planned to open an investigation into the matter.

Brown has denied the allegations made in the lawsuit. Darren Heitner, a lawyer representing Brown, told The Associated Press his client plans to countersue.

Sports Illustrated also published a story Monday afternoon in which a second woman, an unnamed artist, alleged that Brown exposed himself to her while she was working on a mural for him at his Pittsburgh. Brown also denied those allegations through his attorney.

# Cards beat Nats, keep NL Central lead



ST. LOUIS (AP)—Dakota Hudson is a big

fan of Marcell Ozuna's arm.

Ozuna drove in four runs and threw out a runner at home plate from left field, leading the St. Louis Cardinals over the Washington Nationals 4-2 on Monday night.

"That's the second one he's had for me this year," Hudson said of Ozuna's assist to the plate. "He's looking really good. He threw a perfect one in there to save a run."

St. Louis maintained a twogame NL Central lead over the second-place Chicago Cubs, who closed within a half-game of the Nationals for the top NL wild card

Nationals manager Dave Martinez missed the game following a heart procedure in Washington, and bench coach Chip Hale was in charge of the dugout.

"I'm sure he'll give us a call after the game if he's up," Hale said. "I know he's been through a battery of tests. Hopefully he's feeling good."

Ozuna hit a two-run homer in the first off Stephen Strasburg, who walked Dexter Fowler leading off.

"I was in the same division as him and I faced him a lot," Ozuna said. "I know this guy. I know what I can handle to get a good at-bat."

Ozuna has faced Strasburg 41 times and has 12 hits, in-



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Oakland	90	60	.600	7.5
Texas	74	77	.490	24.0
LA Angels	68	82	.453	29.5
Seattle	62	88	.413	35.5

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Washington	82	67	.550	10.0							
Philadelphia	76	72	.514	15.5							
NY Mets	77	73	.513	15.5							
Miami	52	98	.347	40.5							

# **Central Division**

St. Louis	84	66	.560	0.0
Chi Cubs	82	68	.547	2.0
Milwaukee	81	69	.540	3.0
Cincinnati	70	81	.464	14.5
Pittsburgh	65	85	.433	19.0
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Arizona	77	74	.510	20.0
San Francisco	72	78	.480	24.5
San Diego	68	82	.453	28.5
Colorado	66	85	.437	31.0

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



cluding three home runs and six RBIs.

"I figured based on his numbers that Ozuna would have a good night, but I feel that way every night about him," St. Louis manager Mike Shildt said. "It was a nice, nice job by him all the way around tonight. I'm pleased with the homer and two-run but the throw, he's put a lot of time, effort and energy in his arm. He is sincere about being a complete player."

Washington tied the score 2-2 on Víctor Robles' RBI single in the fourth and Anthony Rendon's 34th homer leading off the sixth. Ozuna charged on Robles' hit and made a one-hop throw to catcher Yadier Molina, who tagged out Asdrúbal Cabrera trying to score from second.

"I'm getting my rhythm back," Ozuna said. "I'm almost there."

Sean Doolittle (6-5) walked Fowler with one out in the seventh, Hunter Strickland walked Paul Goldschmidt with two outs and Ozuna doubled just inside the left-field line, just the second hit in 11 at-bats for the Cardinals with runners in scoring position.

"He just missed with his pitch," Hale said. "He just sort of pulled it across the plate, and Ozuna did a nice job."

Hudson (16-7) won for the sixth time in seven starts, giving up two runs and five hits in seven innings.

"I didn't have very much tonight," Hudson said. "The ball was moving a lot, but I didn't have the best command. I had to battle with what I had."

John Brebbia, Andrew Miller and Martínez followed with perfect relief. One day after he was released from a hospital following respiratory prob-

lems caused by asthma and allergies, Martinez needed just two pitches to retired Ryan Zimmerman on a flyout for his 20th save in 23 chances.

# Rockies 9, Mets 4

In Denver, pitcher Antonio Senzatela hit a tying, two-run single that ended a year-long 0-for-44 slide at the plate, Trevor Story followed three pitches later with a three-run homer of Steven Matz to cap a six-run fourth inning and Colorado drop New York five games back for the second NL wild card with 12 games to play.

Brandon Nimmo, batting leadoff for the first time since May 17, opened the game with a home run off Senzatela (10-10). Starting their last road trip of the regular season, the Mets built a 4-1 lead on Jeff McNeil's two-run homer in the third that stopped an 0-for-13 slump and Amed Rosario's RBI double in the fourth.

Matz, who allowed Ian Desmond's second-inning homer, needed 42 pitches to get through the fourth and dropped to 0-2 with a 10.15 ERA in three starts at Coors Field.

Charlie Blackmon singled with one out, Ryan McMahon walked and Garrett Hampson hit an RBI single with two outs.

Matz (10-9) allowed seven runs, six hits and two walks in four innings.

# Royals 6, Athletics 5

In Oakland, Brett Phillips hit a tying home run off Liam Hendricks in the ninth inning, Adalberto Mondesi followed with an RBI double and Kansas City ended the Athletics' six-game winning streak.

The Athletics' lead over Tampa Bay for the top AL wild card was cut to one game.

Cleveland is 1 1/2 games behind the Rays.

Khris Davis' RBI single off Kevin McCarthy (4-2) gave Oakland a 5-4 lead in the eighth.

Phillips homered on a 2-0 fastball from Hendriks (4-3) with one out in the ninth, Hendriks' sixth blown save in 28 chances.

Marcus Semien singled leading off the bottom half for Oakland but Ian Kennedy retired his next three batters for his 30th save in 35 chances, giving the Royals' Ned Yost his 1,200th win in 16 seasons as a major league manager.

# Diamondbacks 7, Marlins 5

In Phoenix, Robbie Ray pitched 5 2/3 innings of no-hit ball, Jake Lamb hit a crucial three-run double and Arizona rallied to beat Miami.

The Diamondbacks, clinging to slim postseason hopes, remained 5 1/2 games back of the Chicago Cubs for the second NL wild card with 11 to play and also would have to leapfrog Milwaukee, Philadelphia and the New York Mets.

At 52-98, the NL-worst Marlins matched their loss total of last year and appear headed to their first 100-defeat season since 2013.

Trailing 5-3, Arizona sent eight batters to the plate in the seventh, punctuated by Lamb's two-out double down the right-field line.Ketel Marte hit an RBI double and Eduardo Escobar hit a solo homer for his 35th of the season.

Yoshihisa Hirano (5-5) pitched a scoreless inning, and Kevin Ginkel got three straight outs for his first big league save. Tayron Guerrero (1-2) gave up three runs, two hits and a walk without getting

any outs.

# Cubs 8, Reds 2

In Chicago, Kyle Schwarber hit a three-run homer and made a diving catch in left field, helping the Cubs win their fifth straight.

Nicholas Castellanos added a two-run double in the eighth inning as the Cubs moved a season-high 14 games above .500. Chicago has outscored its opponents 59-18 during its win streak.

The Cubs (82-68) pulled within a half-game of Washington for the top spot in the wild-card standings and stayed two games back of NL Central-leading St. Louis, which held off the Nationals for a 4-2 win.

Steve Cishek, Alec Mills (1-0), Rowan Wick, Kyle Ryan and David Phelps combined for 5 2/3 scoreless innings in relief of an ineffective Cole Hamels. It was Mills' first major league win in his 17th big league appearance.

Kevin Gausman (3-9) pitched two innings for the Reds in his first start since he was claimed off waivers from the Braves last month.

# Twins 5, White Sox 3

In Minneapolis, José Berríos pitched into the eighth inning to win his second straight start, Mitch Garver hit a go-ahead double and Minnesota increased its lead to five games in the AL Central.

Seeking their first division title since 2010, the Twins (92-58) are assured of their best record since finishing 94-68 nine years ago.

Berríos (13-8) allowed two runs and five hits in 7 1/3 innings with eight strikeouts and two walks. He was rewarded St. Louis Cardinals' Marcell Ozuna hits a ground-rule double to score two runs during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals, Monday, Sept. 16, 2019, in St. Louis.

with a standing ovation when he was removed.

Tyler Duffey finished the eighth, Sergio Romo allowed Eloy Jiménez's homer leading off the ninth before getting an out, and Taylor Rogers needed just eight pitches to finish a six-hitter for his 27th save in 33 chances.

White Sox starter Reynaldo López (9-14) gave up five runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

# **Brewers 4, Padres 1**

In Milwaukee, Corey Spangenberg drove in three runs, including a tiebreaking, two-run triple in the fourth inning, and the Brewers kept up a playoff push with their 10th win in 11 games.

The Brewers remained one game behind the Chicago Cubs for the NL's second wild card and three games back of St. Louis, the NL Central leader.

San Diego got just two hits and dropped to 68-82, tying the franchise record with its ninth consecutive losing season. The Padres also finished under .500 from 1969-77, the first nine years of the expansion franchise.

Padres starter Garret Richards (0-1) allowed three runs and five hits over 3 2/3 innings in his first major league appearance since Tommy John surgery in July 2018.

Zach Davies (10-7) allowed two hits in five innings.

# Tigers 5, Orioles 2

In Detroit, Jordy Mercer hit a two-run homer in the first inning, and the Tigers split a four-game series between the teams with the worst records in the major leagues.

After the first series in American League history between teams in 50 or more games under .500, Detroit (45-104) has a 3 1/2-game "lead" over Baltimore (49-101) for the top pick in June's amateur draft, which goes to the club with the lowest winning percentage this season.

Detroit needs to win one of its final six games at Comerica Park to avoid breaking the major league record of 59 home losses, set by the 1939 St. Louis Browns.

Tyler Alexander (1-3), a 24-year-old left-hander forced into the rotation by a double-header last week, got his first big league win.

John Means (10-11) gave up five runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings.

# Popularity of NBA in China creates endless options

BEIJING (AP) — Kobe Bryant went to China for the first time in 1998, making the trip to Beijing to help operate an instructional basket-

ball clinic for about a dozen kids. The local coaches working with him didn't know a lot about the game. Barely anyone noticed that an NBA player was in town.

Basketball wasn't a big deal in China.

everything And then changed very quickly.

The footprint of the NBA has grown at an extremely rapid pace over the last two decades in China, where more than 500 million people watched games last season and where one new streaming deal alone will pump \$1.5 billion into the league's coffers over the next five years.

"When I first came here, I never thought the game in China would get to be this big," Bryant said. "But it has. And it's not going to stop."

The possibilities seem endless.

Could there be an NBA team in China despite the travel that would be involved? Might there be two-way player contracts between the NBA and the Chinese Basketball Association? What about the NBA constructing a team to play in China or the Chinese sending a team for a full season in the U.S.?

Farfetched as all that may sound, keep in mind that 20 years ago no one envisioned the NBA-China relationship to be this big — or that it would keep growing after Yao Ming's run with the Houston Rockets ended eight years ago. The NBA has academies in China now, and the Chinese national team returned to the NBA Summer League in Las Vegas this year.

"It's a good question," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said. "I think the next step will probably come when the next Yao Ming comes. That would take it to a new level, more Chinese players to reach the NBA and make an impact."

The marriage between the NBA and the world's most populous country is stronger than ever. NBA officials say more than 300 million Chinese people play the game and 40 million are registered to play the 2K video game. Thousands showed up this summer just to watch the sons of Dwyane Wade and LeBron James play exhibitions with the rest of their high school teammates.

A trade war is happening between the U.S. and China, political tensions are escalating between the countries and



it could impact the products of the league's business partners. But the game itself continues to thrive.

"I think sports transcends politics and I hope the NBA can continue to connect fans globally," Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said. "I don't have any reason to think our relationship won't continue to be positive."

Nothing seems to be able to derail the NBA's popularity.

The team that the U.S. sent to the World Cup in China didn't feature the NBA's biggest stars, yet drew sellout crowds for each of its first six games. U.S. coach Gregg Popovich was begged for autographs and selfies everywhere he went.

"We've known for a long time how big basketball has with USA Basketball. He

become in China, of course, but all over the world," Popovich said. "It's an international deal now. There are so many great players in so many countries. It's not a secret."

Stars like James, Stephen Curry, and James Harden have a trip to China on their annual schedules-and when Wade, the recently retired guard who has a lifetime contract with Chinese shoe company Li-Ning, visited this summer one of his events had to be halted after about 10 minutes because the mall where it was happening was overflowing with people.

Donovan Mitchell of the Utah Jazz has been to China twice this summer, once to promote his brand, the second time for the World Cup sees it becoming an annual stop for him, too-and believes there is no ceiling for the game globally.

"Man, I couldn't tell you," Mitchell said. "I think it's going to be even bigger and it's not going to be just China. It's going to be many more countries. The (relationship) between the NBA and China has been huge since I was a kid and it can only take off from there ... because the passion and love is so strong.

It's not a one-sided relationship; China sees reason to invest in the NBA.

Joe Tsai, the co-founder of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba, agreed this summer to buy the remaining 51% that he didn't already own of the Brooklyn Nets and Barclays Center from Mikhail

Prokhorov in deals worth about \$3.4 billion. In 2016, Lizhang Jiang, a businessman from Shanghai, bought 5% of the Minnesota Timberwolves, a stake he sold earlier this year.

China also takes immense pride in players like Klay Thompson wearing Chinese brands on the court. (Thompson has a 10-year deal with Chinese shoe company Anta for a reported \$80 million.) And China sent its national team to NBA Summer League this past July primarily to get ready for the World Cup, but also for exposure on the NBA stage.

"I think it's good for our players and good for the team," China coach Li Nan said of playing in Las Vegas. "I think it's good for everyone."

The NBA has opened three basketball academies in China Former NBA player Kobe Bryant, center, reacts while watching the first-place match between Spain and Argentina in the FIBA Basketball World Cup at the Cadillac Arena in Beijing, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019.

and has seen very quick success with academies in Asia and Africa. The international influence on the league was more present this past season than ever.

The NBA MVP, Giannis Antetokounmpo, is from Greece. The rookie of the year, Luka Doncic, is from Slovenia. The most improved player, Pascal Siakam, is from Cameroon. The defensive player of the year, Rudy Gobert, is from France. The All-NBA center, Nikola Jokic, is from Serbia.

"This past summer, an NBA Academy prospect from China signed a contract with a National Basketball League team in Australia, becoming the first male NBA Academy prospect from China to sign a contract with a professional team," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "And on the women's side, Han Xu from the New York Liberty, who trained at the NBA Academy in Shandong, China, became the first NBA Academy prospect to be drafted into the NBA or WNBA."

It hasn't happened overnight.

Former Commissioner David Stern struck a deal with Chinese television to show games on tape-delay three decades ago, and once toyed with the idea of some sort of NBA-sponsored or branded league in China. Teams embrace the chance to play the annual preseason games in China because he exposure is worth the jet lag.

"When I have 76ers gear on and I walk through Shanghai, walk through Shenzhen, if I had a nickel for every time somebody said 'Trust the process' in perfect English I wouldn't be standing here working," Philadelphia 76ers CEO Scott O'Neil said, referencing the team's motto during its rebuilding phase of recent years. "We're very much a part of the fabric of China."

None of this seemed possible 20 years ago or so, when Bryant made that first trip. Now fans can't get enough.

"When you come here, you feel it from the fans, their energy, people at the hotel, people just walking around," Kerr said in China during the World Cup. "Everybody just seems very excited about basketball."

Same goes for the game's future in China.

# Barca coach: Messi comeback possible

make his comeback against impression. We will Borussia Dortmund as the Catalan giants launch a fresh assault on the Champions League title in Germany on Tuesday evening.

Messi, who has missed the beginning of the season with a calf injury, was named in Barcelona's squad for Tuesday's Champions League opener, though it remains unclear whether the Argentinian will play.

"We will decide tomorrow. For the last week we have been

**BERLIN**—Barcelona coach unsure whether he will be able Ernesto Valverde said Mon- to play, but he has trained two day that Lionel Messi could or three times and made a good behind them after its dramatic earlier in his career, warned

see," said Valverde at a press conference on Monday. Barcelona CHAMPIONS The

coach refused to say whether 16-year-old Ansu Fati, who became the club's youngest ever goalscorer earlier this month, would break another record by becoming the youngest ever Champions

"If he plays, then it will not be because of the record," said the coach.

League debutant on Tuesday.

eventual winners Liverpool in last season's Champions League.

"If you have one bad day, you can be

knocked out of this competition. We lost just one match last season, but it was a decisive match," he said, adding that Barcelona wanted to go further this year than they had in the past two seasons.

Yet Marc Ter Stegen, Barcelona's German keeper, who played under current Dort-

Valverde said that his team mund coach Lucien Favre at was looking to put the past Borussia Moenchengladbach semi-final defeat to that Dortmund would provide a tough first test.

> "Lucien Favre is one of the best coaches I have ever worked under, and he will have thought of a way to hurt us," said the German. "It is always difficult to come here, and we always struggled here with 'Gladbach, but we will try to win and get a good start to the competition. It is a spectacular stadium and the supporters are always crazy, but we will try not to be influenced by that."

# Pelisamen leads MJD to victory

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Fred Pelisamen powered MJD Construction to an 86-70 win

over Star Water in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

MJD Construction was behind in the first half, but managed to fight back and steal the win behind Pelisamen, who scored 26 of his 46 points in the second half. The former CNMI national team member had 13 in the third period, as MJD grabbed the lead, 58-57, after facing an 8-point deficit at the break, 34-42.

Pelisamen was still on target in the final quarter with another baker's dozen to complete MJD's comeback. He outscored the entire Star Water team, which was held to 11

points in the fourth frame.

Cecilio Bisana and Bernard Montano also helped MJD's cause after scoring 18 and 12 points, respectively, while Rommel Dizon had a gamehigh 22 points for Star Water.

### TanHoldings 182, McDonald's 71

Earlier in the second game last weekend, TanHoldings 1 also rallied past McDonald's.

Behind at 53-66 after three periods, TanHoldings 1 recovered in the fourth after more than doubling McDonald's output, 29-13.

It was a team effort for TanHoldings 1, as Jun Fidelino scored 9 points, Dindo Pablo and Fradel Sedillo contributed 6 each, and Arjay Nonato added 5. Nonato paced TanHoldings 1 with his 16 points, while Pablo and Fidelino finished with 15 and 13m, respectively.

Jaymark De Guzman led all scorers with his 26 markers

and failed to get enough help from his teammates in the fourth frame.

#### much as 14 points in the first half, 42-28, before letting the win slip from its hands in the final canto.

# **Second Game**

TanHoldings 1 82-Non-

Two TanHoldings 1 players and one from Top Development, Inc. get ready in the rebound play during an earlier game in the JP World caging. TanHoldings 1 played its first game since the league was suspended last year and won over McDonald's last Saturday.

8, Dimafelix 4, Macoto 2, Villamena 1.

McDonald's 71—De Guzman 26, Macaranas 13, Mc. Achas 12, Ladro 10, Mike Achas 8, Jo. Achas 3, Ju. Achas 3.

Scoring by quarters: 14-21, 28-42, 53-66, 82-71

#### **Third Game**

MJD 86—Pelisamen 45, Bisana 18, Montano 12, Del Castillo 6, Soriano 4, Bar-

Star Water 70—Dizon 22, Itaas 19, Santos 16, Gaviola 8, Manas 4.

Scoring by quarters: 18-20, 34-42, 58-57, 86-70.

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week fight camp with Team Oyama in Irvine," the 30-year-old.

Camacho trained with the same group when he pounced on Germany's Nick "Sergeant" Hein to earn a TKO win in the UFC Fight Night 153 in Stockholm in June this year.

Camacho-Dariush The clash will be held on Oct. 26 at the Singapore Indoor Sta-

dium-the same venue where the Marianas fighter had his first UFC fight.

"Singapore has a very special place in my heart. It's where I made my UFC debut. The Singapore fans are awesome and the country is beautiful. I cannot wait to go back, fight in front of amazing Singaporean fans, and earn the win against Dariush on Oct. 26. The Marianas will be coming full force!" Camacho said.

"I had the opportunity to race at the 2nd Asia OCR Championships held in Manila last month, competing against other countries such as Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, India, just to name a few. Now hope to carry our flag to Europe as well. The CNMI has never had a representation at the OCR world championships and we would like to be the first one

to do so," he said. The 2019 Obstacle Course Race World Championships will be held in Kelvedon Hatch and will have a 15-kilometer run plus 100 obstacle course. So far 67 countries are represented in the competition.

"CNMI's representation at OCRWC will make it 68. We look forward to James Lee and his team earning their spots at the World Championships," Trench Challenge director Tom Akigami said.

Meanwhile, Lee would like to thank the following for supporting their team: Michelob Ultra IT&E, Brabu, Safehouse, Marianas Visitors Authority, Latte Built Gym, MO.DE Ftness, Monkey Biz Production, and Salty Skin Pacific.

McDonald's led by as

ato 16, Pablo 15, Fidelino 13, Esdrelon 9, Sedillo 9, Labadan

# NMSA accepting logo designs for 2021 Mini Games

Northern Marianas of the flag and recog-Sports Association and the 2021 Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee are inviting the general public to submit designs for the Mini Games' logo.

The design should provide recognition to CNMI though consideration of the colors nizable cultural or physical elements. such as the mwar or latte stone. It must contain the Pacific Games "waves element" and incorporate the words "Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2021"

"XI 2021 Pacific Mini Games-Northern Marianas" Deadline for sub-

mission of designs is on Oct. 31. The winner will be chosen by the committee and will be announced by December 31. The winner will have no right to use the logo, but will be publicly honored and recognized as the designer of the logo for the 2021 Pacific Mini Games. .

Submissions must include an electronic copy of the proposed logo and must be sent to the committee at mwhite@saipan.com. (Kimberly A. Bautista)

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to Goto for the CNMI's first goal in the competition.

Three minutes after Goto's conversion, midfielder Idzzaham Aleshahmezan Metali scored his third goal in the match, completing Brunei's 5-1 victory.

Brunei took the win despite being shut down in the first half by the much-improved CNMI defense. Brunei finally hit the board in the 49th minute off Danisyh Syariee Masrazni's goal, while Metali registered his two other goals in the 60th and 73rd minute. Syaherrul Afendy Syahmirul Nizam was the other scorer for Brunei, as he hit his target in the 84th minute.

With the victory, Brunei now has a 1-0-1 win-draw-loss record (lost to China in its first game, 0-7). The CNMI absorbed its second straight defeat, but played better since dropping its debut in the Group G qualifier last Saturday against the Philippines (0-7).

Before battling Brunei, head coach Michiteru Mita and staff met with the Teen Ayuyus and broke down their first game.

"During training, the coach-



CNMI goalkeeper Merrick Toyes tries to protect the ball from a Brunei player during their game in the Group G Asian Football Confederation U16 Championship 2020 Qualifiers last Monday at the Madya Stadium in Jakarta, Indonesia.

es stressed and isolated each weakness and gap in our defensive shape and worked on the formation and defensive tactics required of our players in order to prevent yesterday's (Saturday's) mistakes from happening again. The team had a short meeting before dinner where we analyzed

each goal we conceded; how it started, what went wrong, what should have been done. All in all, with the first game behind them as experience, and with the continued effort and preparation outside of the field, we believe the team is more ready for the upcoming matches," team manager

Mikky Vargas said.

The CNMI crew took a break last night and will return to the pitch tonight to face host Indonesia, which defeated the Philippines, 4-0, last Monday. The Teen Ayuyus will then have their last match in the qualifier this Friday against group favorite China.

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only obstacle course race within Micronesia that is affiliated with the World OCR Federation as well as the only event qualifier to the OCR World Championships," Lee said.

The qualifier will take place at the Guam International Raceway in Yigo and features 20 obstacle courses.

'We have been training consistently since the beginning of this year and most of the time, twice a day. Most of our training is conducted in Latte Built Gym starting at 5am, concentrating on strength and endurance while cardio out on the field. A big portion of OCR deals with cardio so we have been doing a lot of running as well. We've participated in the half marathon run in March of this year and have been working on the terrains at the beach and up hills of Mt. Tapochao, Navy Hill or anywhere around the island to get some good mileage," Lee added.

Before preparing for the competition in Guam, Lee also joined an OCR event in the Philippines last month.





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# 'Crank' braces for strong foe

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rank "The C r a n k" Camacho is formidable his foe is and that's enough motivation for him to go all out in the UFC Fight Night 162.



Camacho will be facing Beneil

"Benny" Dariush, one of the highly-regarded fighters in the lightweight division.

"How good of an opponent Beneil is? He's fought the best in the division and has wins over some of them. He has fought the who's who in the division. That is definitely keeping me motivated," the Marianas warrior said.

Dariush holds a 16-4-1 winloss-draw record (3 KO wins, 7 submissions, and 6 deci-

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Kohtaro Goto scored the

CNMI's first goal in the

Group G Asian Football Confederation U16 Champi-

onship 2020 Qualifiers last Monday at the Madya Stadi-

um in Jakarta, Indonesia.



sions) and won his last two UFC bouts. He had nine UFC victories, including impressive ones against Jim Miller, James Vick, and Michael Johnson.

90 cross from near

the left center just

past the penalty arc

in the 87th minute

of their game against Brunei.

Goto's conversion came af-

ter a series of passes, starting

from Oliver Fajardo's forward

feed from the other side of the

pitch to Maniago, who then

(nine straight wins) when the 30-year-old Dariush prevailed in their bout in UFC 199 last June 4, 2016, via KO (punches) at the 4:16 mark of the first round. Johnson was also on a

roll (fourth consecutive victories) when he dueled Dariush in UFC Fight Night 73 in August 2015 and the latter pulled off a split decision win. Dariush also won by decision (unanimous) against Miller in UFC on Fox 15 in April 2015.

"Utmost respect for Dariush. I've met him multiple times and he's a class act. Martial artist at its finest. He Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, will duel Beneil "Benny" Dariush in the UFC Fight Night 162 in Singapore on Oct. 26.

is very technical all around and at one point was ranked No. 6 in the lightweight division, arguably one of the toughest divisions in the

The Guam-born, CNMIraised Camacho believes being paired against one of the tough fighters in the lightweight division will boost his stock.

UFC," Camacho said.

"Every opportunity to fight in the UFC is great. After a successful win in Sweden, I am honored the UFC has me matched up against the No. 16 ranked lightweight. It's a huge opportunity for me to climb the ranks in the division and really make a name for myself," he said.

Camacho is currently in California to prepare for his second bout of the year.

"I will be doing my seven-

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Vick was on winning streak

Maniago then curled to left defense, while Goto kicked the ball to Bachani, who hit it

back to the former. Then just when Maniago seemed ready to attack a Brunei defender, he backpedalled and stopped his dribble to turn the leather over

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The CNMI's Oliver Fajardo, right, collides with Brunei's Idzzaham Aleshahmezan Metali as they battle for the ball during the second half of their game in the Group G Asian Football Confederation U16 Championship 2020 Qualifiers last Monday at the Madya Stadium in Jakarta, Indonesia.

# **CNMI** athletes eye World Championships



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Six CNMI athletes will head to Guam later this month to compete in a qualifier for the 2019 Obstacle Course Races World Championships.

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Five athletes will try to represent the CNMI for the first time in the 2019 Obstacle Course Races World Championships in London next month.

Team CNMI's James Lee,

Joe Villacrusis, Joey Tudela, World Championships set will be competing in the Trench Challenge in Guam on Sept. 29 and are eyeing to complete the Trench Challenge Elite Division course to qualify for the

Rodney Camacho,
Aguino

OCR

Aguito is also joining the Guam event, but is entered in the recreation class.

"Trench Challenge is the

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